

WHO CAN APPLY?

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Basic Eligibility

- ❖ Veterans who served in the active military, naval or air service and are separated under any condition other than dishonorable, may qualify for VA health care benefits.
- ❖ Current and former members of the Reserves or National Guard who were called to active duty (other than for training only) by a federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty may be eligible for VA health care as well.

Minimum Duty Requirements

- ❖ Most Veterans who enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981, must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which they were called to active duty in order to be eligible.
- ❖ This minimum duty requirement may not apply to Veterans who were discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, were discharged for a hardship or received an "early out."
- ❖ Since there are a number of other exceptions to the minimum duty requirements, VA encourages all Veterans to apply in order to determine their enrollment eligibility.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

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When enrolling for VA Health Care, Veterans will need:

- ❖ Completed/Signed Application (VA Form 10-10EZ)
- ❖ DD214/Discharge Papers (Veterans who lost or misplaced theirs can request a copy from the National Archives, Form SF 180)
- ❖ Copies of Health Insurance Cards
- ❖ Financial Income of Veteran, Spouse, & Dependent Children (income can be retrieved from prior year's tax return or appropriate source)

Financial Income: Previous Calendar Year Gross Annual Income

- ❖ GROSS ANNUAL INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT (wages, bonuses, tips, etc.)
- ❖ NET INCOME FROM: FARM, RANCH, PROPERTY OR BUSINESS
- ❖ LIST OTHER INCOME AMOUNTS (e.g., Social Security, compensation, pension interest, dividends) EXCLUDING WELFARE.

Financial Income: Previous Calendar Year Deductible Expenses

- ❖ TOTAL NON-REIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES PAID BY THE VETERAN OR SPOUSE (e.g., payments for doctors, dentists, medications, Medicare, health insurance, hospital and nursing home)
- ❖ AMOUNT PAID "AS" CALENDAR YEAR FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES (INCLUDING PREPAID BURIAL EXPENSES) FOR YOUR DECEASED SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD
- ❖ AMOUNT VETERAN PAID LAST CALENDAR YEAR FOR THEIR OWN COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES (e.g., tuition, books, fees, materials)

Military History Questions?



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- ❖ If the Veteran answers YES to any of these Military History questions on their 10-10EZ application, financial income is not required to determine eligibility for VA Healthcare.
- ❖ However, providing financial income may be beneficial to the Veteran if their income is within our *National Income Threshold Guidelines* to help eliminate copays for office visits.

- ❖ ARE YOU A PURPLE HEART AWARD RECIPIENT?
- ❖ ARE YOU A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR?
- ❖ DID YOU SERVE IN A COMBAT THEATER OF OPERATIONS AFTER 1/11/1998?
- ❖ WERE YOU DISCHARGED OR RECALLED FROM MILITARY FOR A DISABILITY INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY?
- ❖ ARE YOU RECEIVING DISABILITY COMPENSATION INSTEAD OF VA COMPENSATION?
- ❖ DID YOU SERVE IN SW ASIA DURING THE GULF WAR BETWEEN AUGUST 2, 1990 AND NOVEMBER 1, 1998?
- ❖ DO YOU HAVE A VA SERVICE-CONNECTED RATING?
- ❖ DID YOU SERVE IN VIETNAM BETWEEN JANUARY 9, 1962 AND MAY 7, 1975?
- ❖ WERE YOU EXPOSED TO RADIATION WHILE IN THE MILITARY?
- ❖ DID YOU RECEIVE NOSE AND THROAT RADIUM TREATMENTS WHILE IN THE MILITARY?
- ❖ DID YOU SERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY AT LEAST 30 DAYS AT CAMP LEJEUNE FROM AUGUST 1, 1953 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1987?

HOW TO ENROLL?

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IN PERSON, BY MAIL, OR FAX

- ❖ Attn: Enrollment (136A)
Lebanon VA Medical Center
1700 South Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042
- ❖ Enrollment Phone #
717-272-6621 ext. 6000
- ❖ Enrollment Fax #
717-228-6024

ONLINE

- ❖ Lebanon VA Website
www.Lebanon.va.gov
- ❖ Click on: Apply now for VA health care
- ❖ Complete VA Form 10-10EZ
- ❖ Fax a copy of your DD214 to
717-228-6024 (please notate online
application on cover sheet)

Enrollment Process

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Overview

After October 1, 1996, most Veterans need to be enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care System to receive VA health care benefits. If you have not received treatment since 1996, you will need to enroll prior to receiving treatment again.

If you are enrolled in VA health care, you are not required to re-enroll if you seek medical care at another VA facility during travel or if you relocate. Once enrolled, Veterans become eligible for VA's medical benefits package at any treatment site across the country.

Veterans Not Required to Enroll The following list provides situations in which Veterans are not required to enroll but may be asked by the VA facility to fill out portions of the enrollment form for planning and budgeting purposes.

- If you are only seeking care for a VA-rated service-connected condition.
- If VA has rated you 50% or more service-connected.
- If less than one year has passed since you were discharged for a disability that the military determined was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, but that VA has not yet rated.

Determined to be Eligible	<p>If it is determined you are eligible for enrollment, VA's Health Eligibility Center will mail you a Veterans Health Benefits Handbook informing you of your enrollment priority group assignment and an overview of your VA medical benefits.</p> <p>After your enrollment has been verified, you should receive your Handbook within 15 business days. If you do not receive your handbook within that timeframe, you can call us back for your enrollment status information.</p>
Determined Not Eligible For Enrollment	<p>If it was determined you were not eligible to enroll, you will receive a letter explaining the decision. It will also provide instructions on how to appeal the decision if you do not agree with it. If you were denied enrollment based off your previous years income and your current income has changed, you may apply for a hardship.</p>
Completing the Application	<p>You can obtain assistance in completing the application by contacting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A State or County Veterans Service Officer,• A Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) such as Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW),• The Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility, or• By calling 877-222-8387, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time (CT).
Updating Information	<p>Once you are enrolled, your financial information remains on file and does not expire. Submitting your financial information each year is optional. You only need to submit an updated financial assessment each year if you want to determine your eligibility for medication copays and beneficiary travel.</p> <p>You can complete VA Form 10-10EZ, Health Benefits Form to report changes to your financial and personal information.</p>
Resources	<p>https://www.va.gov/health-care/ VA Health Benefits Overview brochure</p>
References	<p>VHA Directive 1230, July 15, 2016 VHA Directive 2012-001, January 9, 2012 VHA Handbook 1601A.03, September 25, 2015</p>

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https://vaww.vrm.km.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_kanew/help/agent/locale/en-US/portal/55440000001046/content/55440000049249/Enrollment-Process?query=enrollment%20process