

There are a variety of VA benefits available to active duty personnel.

What Type of Insurance Benefit Is Available?

Servicemembers and reservists are eligible for up to a maximum of \$400,000 in life insurance under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000 while children are automatically covered for \$10,000 at no cost. Any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI is eligible for a traumatic injury protection rider (TSGLI) which provides payments between \$25,000 and \$100,000 to members who have a traumatic injury and suffer losses such as, but not limited to, amputations, blindness, and paraplegia.

What Type of Education Benefits Are Available?

Education benefits are available to active duty personnel who have served for at least two years and have contributed \$1200 under the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30), and to selected Reservists and National Guardsman that are certified as eligible under the Montgomery GI Bill – Select Reserves (Chapter 1606). The Chapter 30 program is limited to payment for tuition and fees while the Chapter 1606 program provides a monthly stipend.

What Type of Home-Related Benefits Are Available?

Persons on active duty are eligible for a VA home loan guaranty after serving on continuous active duty for 90 days. Servicemembers going through the Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) program who are found to have service-connected conditions are exempt from the loan guaranty funding fee.

What Type of Financial Assistance Is Available for Purchasing a Vehicle?

To be eligible for financial assistance to purchase a vehicle or to adapt a vehicle to accommodate a disability, a servicemember must have certain qualifying disabilities (e.g. loss or permanent loss of use or one or both hands) that were incurred during active military service.

What Type of Health Care Benefits Are Available?

VA health care facilities are available to active duty servicemembers in emergency situations and upon referral by military treatment facilities or TRICARE. VA provides a comprehensive medical benefits package to veterans enrolled in its health care program and is fully capable of meeting the treatment needs of those who are referred for care or who require emergency health care services. Service members may receive one-time dental treatment up to 90 days from separation if they were not provided treatment within 90 days before separation from active duty.

Is the Medal of Honor Pension Payable to Active Duty Personnel?

Active duty personnel who have been awarded the Medal of Honor and determined to be eligible by one of the service departments are entitled to receive a special Medal of Honor pension from the VA.

Can a Claim for Benefits be Filed Prior to Separation?

Through the BDD program, servicemembers can file claims for disability compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation, automobile allowance, and special adapted housing prior to separation. VA employees will assist in the filing and preparation of the claim as well as adjudicate the claim within days following separation. Additionally, VA offers counseling and claims assistance to separating servicemembers throughout the United States and around the world through the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP).

For More Information, Visit Our Web Site at <http://www.va.gov> or Call Toll-Free

Disability Benefits/General Information: 1-800-827-1000
Education: 1-888-442-4551

Insurance: 1-800-669-8477
Health Benefits: 1-877-222-8387