

# Frequently Asked Questions About the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

## 1) Question: Who can use the VRAP?

**Answer:** To use the program a Veteran must:

- Be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old
- Be unemployed (as determined by Department of Labor (DoL))
- Have an other than dishonorable discharge
- Not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g., the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance)
- Not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program

## 2) Question: What can I use the VRAP for?

**Answer:** Participants must be enrolled in a VA approved program of education offered by a Community College or Technical School. The program must lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certification and train you in a high demand occupation as determined by DoL.

## 3) Question: How much does the VRAP pay?

**Answer:** You may receive up to 12 months of payments at the full-time Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty rate (currently \$1,473 per month).

## 4) Question: Will the payments under this program be sent directly to the school like payments under the Post- 9/11 GI Bill?

**Answer:** No. The benefit will be paid directly to you and you are responsible for paying your expenses including tuition, fees, and books.

## 5) Question: When, where, and how can I apply?

**Answer:** The program begins July 1, 2012. Applications will be accepted starting May 15, 2012. Watch the GI Bill website and follow our GI Bill Facebook page for more details on when, where, and how to apply.

**6) Question: What will happen when I finish my program? Answer:** The DoL will provide employment assistance to every Veteran who participates, upon completion of their program.

**7) Question: What do I do if I need a job now?**

**Answer:** There are extensive employment resources available for Veterans provided by the Federal Government. Visit <http://www.fedshirevets.gov/> and the Department of Labor's <http://www.dol.gov/vets> to learn more.