

Education and Training Benefit

Thinking of going back to school after your career in the military? Get funding for college, university, technical education, or short-term programs.

About this program

Training and education can position you to be more competitive in the workforce. This benefit pays up to \$81,920 depending on your years of service.

If you have six years of authorized paid days of CAF service, you may be eligible for up to \$40,960. If you have at least 12 years of authorized paid days of CAF service, you may be eligible for up to \$81,920. This is a taxable benefit.

Courses must be approved by VAC. You are not eligible to receive money for courses you have already taken. We also can't provide funding if the course started before you were determined to be eligible for the program or before we received your educational plan.

Formal programs

You can use up to the maximum of your full entitlement to attend a formal program that results in a college or university certificate, diploma or degree. The full entitlement, or amount, depends on the length of the program. Formal programs include:

- university or college,
- trade programs,
- certificate or diploma programs.

Short courses

You may use a maximum of \$5,120 of this benefit to participate in one-time courses aimed at certification, professional designations, or professional development. These courses are usually of shorter duration and do not result in a college or university certificate, diploma or degree. For example:

- small business/entrepreneurial boot camps,
- continuing education,
- workshops,
- other professional development.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Education and Training Benefit if:

- you were honourably released from the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular Forces or Reserves) on or after April 1, 2006, and;

- you meet the following service requirements:
 - at least 6 years of authorized paid days of CAF service (2191 days) qualifies you for up to \$40,960, or
 - at least 12 years of authorized paid days of CAF service (4382 days) qualifies you for up to \$81,920.

How to apply

Before you apply

You can expect to receive a decision on your eligibility for the program within four weeks.

If you're not sure what education to pursue, consider applying for [Career Transition Services](#) first. This program will give you access to a trained career coach. They can work with you to help find your best educational or training path.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. My VAC Account offers a guided web form that makes applying easier. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at a [VAC office or CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed application directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office or Transition Centre](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Find out more

If accepted, you will have to submit an education and training plan. There are two versions, one for a formal program and one for a short course. Find the plans and submit them electronically through [My VAC Account](#). Or download the [formal program](#) plan, or the [short course](#) plan and mail it to us.

Payments will not start until we receive your completed plan, including any necessary supporting documentation such as proof of enrollment.

Need advice how to structure your plan? [Contact us](#). And stay in touch throughout your studies so that we're up-to-date on where you are enrolled and what you've completed. Download the [Monitoring form](#) to report your progress, or access it through My VAC Account.

[Education and Training Benefit – Applicant Guide \(PDF\)](#)

Information for education and training institutions

Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces have gained world-class skills and experience throughout their military careers that can translate very well into the classroom and workforce. The Education and Training Benefit will give many of these Veterans the opportunity and funding to participate in post-secondary education and other career development training programs.

Veterans Affairs Canada can help you do that. Want more information? Find out how the Education and Training Benefit can [help you recruit students](#) from the Veteran community.

Related programs

[Career Transition Services](#) - get career counselling, help with resume writing, interview preparation, and finding a job.

[Transition Interview](#) – A meeting to provide information on VAC programs and services available to you and your family.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?

Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about your [review and appeal options](#).

Is there a time limit associated with this benefit?

You will have up to 10 years following your release date to use the funding available from this benefit. If you released between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2018, you have until March 31, 2028 to use the funding.

Do family members qualify for the Education and Training Benefit?

No. This benefit is for Veterans only. But there are other options for family members. Survivors, spouses and common-law partners may be able to access [vocational assistance](#) if the Veteran is ill or injured and unable to participate in vocational rehabilitation. Also, the [Education Assistance Program](#) supports children of certain deceased Veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Can I qualify for both the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program and the new Education and Training Benefit, or is it one or the other?

You can receive the Education and Training Benefit either before or after you participate in the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program, but not at the same time.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Education and Training Benefit policies](#).

View all [Education and Training Benefit FAQs](#).

Career Transition Services

Looking to start a career after your service in the military? Get career counseling, help with resume writing, and interview preparation to help you find a new career.

About this program

Career Transition Services can help you find a career that is best suited for you.

During your service, you developed skills and knowledge that can help you in a new career. You will work with qualified counsellors who understand the transition you are making — from military to post-military life.

Whenever you have career transition needs, this program provides the following services:

- one-on-one career counselling,
- help with resume writing,
- interview preparation,
- job-searching and,
- in some cases, job-placement.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for Career Transition Services if you are:

- a still-serving Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) member (Regular or Reserve Force) who completed basic training,
- a former member who completed basic training and released from the CAF on or after April 1, 2006, or
- entitled to the Canadian Forces Income Support Benefit.

Spouse, common-law partners and survivors

- a spouse, common-law partner or survivor of a Veteran who completed basic training and who released from the CAF on or after April 1, 2006, or
- a survivor of a CAF member who completed basic training and who died on or after April 1, 2006.

How to apply

Before you apply

We will contact you with a decision within four weeks of receiving your application. If you apply online, we receive your application right away. If you apply by mail, we will receive your application within several business days.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

Download the application form for [Veterans or Members](#) or for [Spouses/Common-law or Survivor](#). Then drop it off — or find support to fill it out — at a [VAC area office](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed application directly to the address on the form.

Go to [Spouse/Common-law or Survivor form](#)

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#) or [Transition Centre](#) can assist you. Call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Once you are in the program

If you are approved, you will work with [Agilec](#) (the national service provider for this program) to build your plan. Agilec will contact you upon your approval. The plan will define your career transition goals and offer strategies to reach these goals.

You may also qualify for the [Education Training Benefit](#). Even if you do not qualify, Agilec can work with you to find other possible sources of funding.

Find out more

If you are participating in [VAC's vocational rehabilitation](#) you are not eligible for this program because you will receive career transition support through that program.

Related programs

[Jobs in the Federal Government](#) - We can help you continue to serve your country in the federal public service.

[Education Training Benefit](#) - Financial support to help you achieve your education and career goals.

[Transition Interview](#) - A meeting to provide information on VAC programs and services available to you and your family.

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Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about your [review and appeal options](#).

Can I use Career Transition Services more than once during my lifetime?

Yes. If you are a Veteran or survivor you can access Career Transition Services for support at any point in your life.

What's new about the Career Transition Services program?

If you have already released, your spouse or common-law partner can access Career Transition Services benefits until March 31, 2020. If you are still-serving, your spouse or common-law partner can access the program for two years after your release date.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Career Transition Services policies](#).

More [Career Transition Services FAQs](#).

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The Canadian Forces jobs where only women need apply

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