Veterans Education Benefits

Veterans in an apprenticeship program may be able to receive a tax free stipend to offset educational/training expenses. RI DLT encourages apprenticeship sponsors to apply for Veterans Educational Benefit Approval.

To learn more and apply; follow these simple steps

FOR APPRENTICESHIP APPLICANTS / APPRENTICES

STEP 1: Check your eligibility for Veterans education benefits.
Visit https://www.vets.gov/education or call 1-888-GI-Bill1

If you need extra help, Vet Reps at netWORKri Centers can assist you http://www.dlt.ri.gov/wfds/vetserv.htm or call 401-462-8000

If you have used your benefits for previous education or training and still have entitlement remaining, you may proceed to Step 2.

STEP 2: Ask your Sponsor to complete the attached application.
Registered Apprenticeship programs qualify, but the Sponsor needs to apply and provide a contact to confirm your employment and training with the VA during the duration of your benefits.

FOR APPRENTICESHIP SPONSORS

Your application makes your job openings more attractive to prospective Veterans to apprentice with you. By applying, your Registered Apprenticeship program will appear on the list of qualified education providers given to Veterans.

STEP 1: Complete the attached application.

STEP 2: If you are hiring, you can contact the Business Workforce Center for help getting the word out to qualified veterans to apply to your Apprenticeship Program.

Rhode Island DLT Business Workforce Center
1-888-616-5627 | DLT.esu@dlt.ri.gov | http://www.dlt.ri.gov/bwc/
Application for Approval as an Apprenticeship Program(s) (38 CFR 21.4261)
for Eligible Veterans, Dependents, National Guard, and Reservists

Revised January 2018

PART I EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name of Apprenticeship Sponsor: _____________________________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ________________

Physical Address where records will be kept (if different from above):

Street: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ________________

Name and Title of Contact Person(s): __________________________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________________ Fax Number: ______________________

E-mail: ____________________________

Tax ID # (for VA record keeping purposes): __________________________

Profit Status:

☐ Private for profit  ☐ Private non-profit  ☐ Public (federal, state, municipal)

Identify the person who will serve as the training establishment’s primary Veterans Certifying Official, responsible for certifying training time with the US Department of Veterans Affairs:

Name: ____________________________________________

Title: ______________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________
PART II TRAINING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Name/Job Title: ________________________________________________________________

Brief Job Description: ________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________

Length of Program (hours and expected months): __________________________________________

Hours in Standard Work Week: __________________________________________________________

Number of Qualified Employees Available as Instructors: ________________________________

Maximum Number of Trainees that can be trained at one time: _____________________________

D.O.T. Number: ___________________________ O-Net Code: ________________________________

Type of Program:  
☐ Registered Apprenticeship- *Please attach the Work Process Outline for your program as approved by the RI DLT Apprenticeship Office.*

☐ Non-Registered Apprenticeship- *Please attach a detailed outline of your training program including the skills to be learned and expected number of hours to be spent in each skill area.*

Wage Scale to be paid the apprentice as stated in percentage of journeyworker wage and rate per hour
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*(Wages can vary as long as the changes are approved by the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner.)*

Present Journeyworker Wage: __________ per hour.

Number of Hours per year of Related Instruction: _________________________________________

Related Instruction Provided by: _______________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________
PART III. STATEMENTS OF ASSURANCE:

(Note: In the following paragraphs, the term Veteran, denotes veterans, eligible persons and reservist trainees under Title 38 or Title 10, United States Code.)

1. The training establishment must furnish to each veteran trainee and the VA a signed copy of the training agreement including training program and wage scale as approved by the State Approving Agency.

2. The training establishment will maintain a written record of the previous education and training of each veteran and clearly indicate that appropriate credit has been given by the training establishment for previous education and training. Also, the training period will be shortened and the veteran will be placed in the appropriate wage scale step. The veteran and the VA will be notified. Records of previous education and training must be part of the veteran’s record. If it is determined that a veteran is already qualified for the position, the training establishment will not enroll him/her in the program.

3. It is understood and agreed that the training establishment will maintain adequate records to show the progress of each veteran.
   a. Records must be sufficient to show continued pursuit verifying hours worked and progression through the program (i.e. payroll records, attendance records, rates of pay, progression through work processes, verification of related instruction, etc.)
   b. Records must show changes in student status (i.e. layoff, call to active duty, or withdrawing from program.) It is essential that a Change of Status (VA Form 22-1999b) be submitted to the VA on a timely basis (within 30 days) when there is a change in status.

4. The training establishment will promptly notify the RI State Approving Agency of any changes or revisions of existing programs, policies or procedures as well as change of name or address.

5. The training establishment will make available the records and necessary data required for approval and compliance for review by representatives of the RI State Approving Agency and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

6. The training establishment will retain a veteran’s records for at least three (3) years from when the veteran completes/ends the program.

7. It is understood and agreed that wages paid to veterans will not be less than wages paid to non-veterans.

8. The training establishment certifies that there is reasonable certainty that the job for which the veteran is trained will be available to him/her at the end of the training period.

9. The training establishment certified that there is adequate space, equipment, personnel and training material to provide training.

10. The training establishment certifies that the training is consistent with industry standards and adequate to qualify the veteran for the job.

11. The training establishment will provide a certificate of completion upon the successful completion of the program.
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT IN CONTENT AND POLICY.

I understand that the approval of any program(s) for veterans training will be withdrawn immediately by the RI State Approving Agency I and when it is determined that the training establishment has made a false statement or has failed to meet any of the requirements of said statute and rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

Name: ____________________________________________

(please print)

Title: ______________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________

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Inspection Visit Conducted by: ________________________________

Effective date of approval: _________________________________

SAA Signature: _________________________________________ Date: ______________________