

VET TEC 2.0

Fast-track technology training for eligible Veterans and transitioning service members

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VA reported 2,000 openings remaining as of September 16, 2026. The program is limited to 4,000 paid participants per fiscal year.

What is VET TEC 2.0?

Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses 2.0 is a VA education benefit designed to help eligible participants build skills for a high-tech career. It covers approved **non-degree** training programs rather than traditional college degree programs.

Approved training areas include: Computer programming | Computer software | Data processing | Information sciences | Media applications

Who may be eligible?

- **Veteran:** discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, *or*
- **Active duty:** within 180 days of separation;
- At least **36 months of active-duty service**; and
- **Under age 62** when VA approves the application.

What does VA pay?

Benefit	2026-27 amount / rule
Tuition & fees	Public program: net tuition and mandatory fees. Private program: up to \$30,908.34 for the academic year.
Housing	For eligible in-person training, based on the E-5 with dependents BAH for the training ZIP code and prorated by rate of pursuit.
Online-only housing	Up to \$1,261 per month for Aug. 1, 2026-July 31, 2027.
Books & supplies	Up to \$1,000 per academic year .

Housing note: You generally must be training at more than a 50% rate of pursuit to receive MHA. Active-duty participants do not receive MHA.

Important: How VET TEC 2.0 affects GI Bill entitlement

You **do not need remaining GI Bill entitlement** to participate. You may qualify even if you have already used the maximum 48 months of VA education benefits. However, if you still have entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty, or DEA, VA generally charges **1 month of entitlement for each month of full-time VET TEC 2.0 training**.

What kind of program can I choose?

- Training must be through a **VA-approved VET TEC 2.0 provider**.
- Approved programs are **6 to 28 weeks** long and do not lead to a degree.
- VA lists approved providers through the **GI Bill Comparison Tool**.
- Only certain providers are currently approved for distance learning, so confirm the delivery format before enrolling.

Why job placement matters

VET TEC 2.0 is structured around employment outcomes. VA pays training providers in stages tied to enrollment, completion, and qualifying employment or continued education in the field. Before choosing a provider, ask about its job-placement record, employer partnerships, certifications included, career services, and the specific entry-level jobs its graduates pursue.

How to get started

- 1. Check eligibility.** Review the official VA VET TEC 2.0 page.
- 2. Apply to VA.** Complete VA Form 22-10297 online.
- 3. Review approved providers.** Use the VA GI Bill Comparison Tool and confirm the exact program is approved.
- 4. Compare programs before enrolling.** Look at training format, schedule, certifications, career support, and employment outcomes.
- 5. Verify enrollment monthly.** Participants receiving applicable VA education payments must complete VA enrollment verification.

Official VA VET TEC 2.0 va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/vet-tec-2/
Current VET TEC 2.0 rates va.gov/education/benefit-rates/vet-tec-2-rates/
Apply online - VA Form 22-10297 VA online application

Please verify before enrolling. Participant openings, approved providers, program rules, and payment rates can change. This handout is an informational summary and is not an eligibility determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs.