

Frequently Asked Questions – PL 112-56 (Vow To Hire Heros)

1) Question: Who can use the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program?

Answer: To use the program a Veteran must:

- Be between the ages of 35 and 60
- 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 Veterans Retraining Assistance Program 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 Veterans Retraining Assistance Program 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. Watch the GI Bill website (www.gibill.va.gov) and follow our GI Bill Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gibillEducation) 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 www.fedshirevets.gov and the Department of Labor's www.dol.gov/vets to learn more.