

Apprenticeship is a training method that combines on-the-job training with a minimum of 144 hours of related classroom instruction. Apprenticeship programs range from one to five years, depending on the occupation. On-the-job training is short-term and ranges from six months to two years. A veteran may receive GI Bill benefits, if eligible and not fully trained, while working full time and earning wages.

The Connecticut Department of Labor is the State Approving Agency for veterans in apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs in the state.

What veterans are eligible for the GI Bill?

Chapters of Entitlement:

1. Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30)
2. Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
3. Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)
4. Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32)
5. Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
6. Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)

- Veteran must be employed with a company that has a registered apprenticeship or on-the-job training program through the Connecticut Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship Training, which is the State Approving Agency for apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs in Connecticut.
- Veteran must be registered with the company as an apprentice or trainee.
- Veteran must not be fully trained and receiving wages at the fully trained rate of pay for the occupation.

Note: The veteran will be ineligible to receive GI Bill benefits if already fully trained or receiving wages at the fully trained rate of pay.

Veterans have a specified period of eligibility that varies depending on the chapter of entitlement. Contact the VA to determine your period of eligibility. The Chapter 34 GI Bill (Vietnam Era) ended Dec. 31, 1989; however, some Chapter 34 veterans are now eligible for benefits under Chapter 30.

Members of the Reserve / National Guard

Effective October 1, 1990, certain members of the Reserve/National Guard may be eligible for educational assistance for state-approved apprenticeship training. Contact your Reserve / National Guard unit to verify your eligibility for Chapter 1606 benefits.

Step 1

To determine if you are eligible for GI benefits, contact the Department of Veteran's Affairs at:

1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-800-442-4551)

www.gibill.va.gov

Step 2

If you are eligible for VA benefits and you want to apply for apprenticeship or on-the-job training, contact:

**Connecticut Department of Labor
Office of Apprenticeship Training
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

Phone: (860) 263-6085

Fax: (860) 263-6088

www.ctapprenticeship.com

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