



# VRRAP 2.0

## *Need to Knows*

### Eligibility Requirements Checklist (all must be true)

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- 1. Must be at least 22 years of age, and no more than 66 years of age on date of application, AND
- 2. Be unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, AND
- 3. Not eligible for any other education benefits, AND
- 4. Not enrolled in a State or Federal jobs program, AND
- 5. Cannot be receiving VA disability because unable to work, AND
- 6. Cannot be receiving unemployment benefits including enhanced benefit under the CARES Act.

### Program Eligibility Requirements Checklist

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- 1. Must be an approved program for GI Bill or VET TEC benefits
- 2. Cannot lead to a bachelor degree or graduate degree
- 3. Provides training for a high-demand occupation

**NOTE:** The full list of training available for VRRAP can be found here:  
<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap.asp>

### VRRAP Benefits Payable

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- 1. Tuition and Fees – paid directly to school in milestone increments below:
  - a. 50% when Veteran begins the program
  - b. 25% when Veteran completes the program
  - c. 25% when Veteran finds employment in field of study
- 2. Monthly Housing Allowance – paid directly to the Veteran as follows:

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- a. In-Person, more than ½ time – BAH for an E-5 with dependents based on zip code of the training establishment where you attended the program
- b. In-Person, ½ time or less – BAH is prorated, but payable from 10% - 50% of the online rate (half of the national BAH average for E-5 with dependents)
- c. Online, more than ½ time – BAH is payable at the online rate (half the national BAH average for E-5 with dependents)
- d. Online, ½ time or less – Not eligible for housing.

**NOTE:** Housing is further prorated for partial months of training.

## More Information is Available...

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- 1. Veterans can find more information @ <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap.asp> and click the following link:
  - ❖ “What types of education and training programs does VRRAP cover?”
- 2. Training Providers can find more information about participation & registration at:
  - ❖ [https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap\\_educational\\_institutions.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap_educational_institutions.asp)

## How to Apply

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- 1. Online @ <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/vrrap.asp>
- 2. The Veteran must create an account to access the application
- 3. Application form is 22-1990s
- 4. If eligible, a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is mailed to the beneficiary. The Veteran can take the COE to the VA certifying official at the training establishment.

### Other Important Details

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- 1.** The program is limited to 17,250 participants.
- 2.** The program is limited to \$386 million dollars.
- 3.** VRRAP will be discontinued once maximums are reached or on December 11, 2022.

Note: When the VRRAP program is discontinued, those Veterans who are enrolled and attending their program will continue to receive benefits as long as they complete the program.

### FAQs

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- 1. Question 1:** What if I don't complete the program, will I be eligible to start another?

Answer 1: A Veteran who receives retraining assistance under the VRRAP program to pursue a program of education and who fails to complete the program of education shall not be eligible to receive additional assistance under VRRAP

- 2. Question 2:** What if I start receiving unemployment after qualifying for VRRAP?  
Does receipt of unemployment stop unemployment?

Answer 2: No, you were unemployed on the date that the application was received by VA and will remain eligible for VRRAP benefits so long as you fulfill the requirements of the program

- 3. Question 3:** If I am rated 100% unemployable after qualifying for VRRAP, will my eligibility be terminated?

Answer 3: Yes, eligibility will end on the date you are notified of eligibility for compensation benefits.

- 4. Question 4:** What if I get a job after qualifying for VRRAP, does it stop VRRAP?

Answer 4: No, you were unemployed on the date that the application was received by VA. However, if the new job results in the failure to complete the program, then future VRRAP eligibility will be lost, as specified in the law.

- 5. Question 5:** How do we know if an enrollment is processed since we are unable to see the term in BDN or LTS

Answer 5: BDN will have an open 950 End Product code which is an indicator that the enrollment has been processed and payments are either on their way or already showing in Share.

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**6. Question 6:** Can I change the Direct Deposit for VRRAP benefit payments.

Answer 6: No, unfortunately we do not have access to change the EFT for VRRAP benefits, However we can take the new information over the phone in a [119 VRRAP EFT](#), Route the file to the VRRAP queue for Muskogee (351) and the Corrections-Non33 queue for Buffalo (307).

**7. Question 7:** How will the VA be notified if I stop attending the program or if I increase or decrease the number of hours I am attending?

Answer 7: Your school will submit any changes to the VA using the VA Form 22-1999b. This is the same form used for all other education benefits.

**8. Question 8:** Does the student receive all the funding for VRRAP?

Answer 8: No, the tuition and fee payment will be issued directly to the school in milestone increments and the monthly housing allowance will be issued directly to the student.

**9. Question 9:** Will I receive a monthly housing allowance if I attend at a half-time or less status?

Answer 6: Yes, unlike the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the housing allowance can be paid from 10%-50% rounded to the nearest multiple of 10, however it will be paid at the online rate which is half the national average.

**10. Question 10:** Is there a requirement for Students to attend class in person versus online?

Answer 10: No, VRRAP specifically includes different housing stipend rates for those training in person and online

**11. Question 11:** Will I owe any money back to the VA or the school if I don't finish the program or secure employment in the chosen field/area?

Answer 11: VA will not create debts solely because of failure to complete a program or secure employment in the chosen field. However, a debt may be created for monthly housing allowance benefits if paid beyond the last date of attendance, for which the Veteran will be responsible. Both Veterans and schools should promptly notify VA of changes in enrollment. Also, by law, educational institutions may not seek payment from the Veteran for any amounts otherwise payable by VA had the Veteran completed the program or secured employment.

**12. Question 12:** Why is the 1999 nan' d stating Verification Required?

Answer 12: This can happen if the school submits the enrollment to the VA more than 14 days in advance. If they do, the school, not the student will need to submit another 99 stating in the remarks section that the student is attending.

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#### 13. Question 13: Who do I contact to repay a VRRAP debt or setup a payment plan?

Answer 13: VRRAP debts do not go through DMC but our finance department. This is the letter that they receive when a debt is created: Our Support Services Division (SSD) will send you detailed information about the amount of the debt, how to repay it, and your rights regarding your debt. You have 30 days from the date of the initial SSD letter to contact them and repay the entire debt, establish a repayment plan or request a waiver of debt. If you have questions about your debt, please call Support Services Division at 1-918-781-7550 (7:30am - 4:00pm CT Monday - Friday), contact via e-mail at [accounting.vbamus@va.gov](mailto:accounting.vbamus@va.gov). Bottom-line is he/she would have to call SSD about his VRRAP debt repayment not DMC.

## Payments for VRRAP

1. VRRAP payments are made to the same accounts as C&P, if receiving disability payments.
2. VRRAP payments for schools and students can be viewed in Share (on the Payment History Screen), once they've been released. These payments cannot be seen in LTS or BDN.
3. Obligated VRRAP amounts can be seen on the BDN FIN Obligation document provided in TIMS by finance. Link to example here: [BDN FIN Obligation](#)
4. When the first T&F payment is made, the BDNFIN 50% document is added to the TIMS file by finance. Link to example shown here: [BDNFIN 50% T&F Complete document](#)
5. The VRRAP MHA / Housing Obligation worksheet for the entire program example is shown below. See an example of the housing payment transaction document linked here: [BDNFIN MHA](#)

VRRAP MHA OBLIGATION	
Veteran SSN	[REDACTED]
Program Begin Date	08/28/2021
Program End Date	04/29/2022
100% MHA Rate	\$ 900.50
100% MHA Rate after 8/1	
MHA Obligation Periods	Amount
2021-08	\$ 90.05
2021-09	\$ 900.50
2021-10	\$ 900.50
2021-11	\$ 900.50
2021-12	\$ 900.50
2022-01	\$ 900.50
2022-02	\$ 900.50
2022-03	\$ 900.50
2022-04	\$ 870.48
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,264.03</b>

### When VRRAP Ends

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1. VRRAP ends December 11, 2022.
2. Applications will be accepted until December 11, 2022.
3. The online application will be removed from the website after December 11, 2022.
4. Any application received after the end date will be reviewed for potential eligibility.
5. A Veteran **MUST** be attending an approved VRRAP program on or before the end date of December 11, 2022, to be eligible to receive VRRAP benefits, no matter the date of application.
6. If a Veteran is enrolled and attending their approved program on or before December 11, 2022, they will be able to finish their program and will continue to receive benefits until they complete the program or drop out of the program.