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COVID-19 vaccine and general information

To sign up to get a COVID-19 vaccine from VA, visit our vaccine information page.

For questions about how COVID-19 may affect your VA health care and benefit services, <u>visit our coronavirus FAQs</u> or <u>read VA's public</u> <u>health response</u>.

Access and manage your VA benefits and health care

Health care

Refill and track your prescriptions Send a secure message to your health care team Schedule and manage health appointments View your lab and test results Apply now for VA health care

🞓 Education

<u>View your payment history</u> <u>Change your current education benefits</u> <u>Compare GI Bill benefits by school</u> <u>Apply for education benefits</u>

Disability

<u>Check your claim or appeal status</u> <u>View your payment history</u> <u>Upload evidence to support your claim</u> <u>File for a VA disability increase</u> <u>File a claim for compensation</u>

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Get your VA medical records

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Change your address

Request your military records (DD214)



Click the green sign in box to create an account or log in with existing username and password

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COVID-19 vaccines at VA

We continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans, spouses, caregivers, and CHAMPVA recipients as quickly and safely as we can.

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Please sign in to get your VA benefit letters

Try signing in with your **DS Logon**, **My HealtheVet**, or **ID.me** account. If you don't have any of those accounts, you can create one now.

Sign in or create an account

What types of VA letters can I download using this tool?

You can download a variety of VA letters that include information about your benefits and service history.

How do I download a VA letter?

Before you download your VA letter, we'll ask you to review the address we have on file for you.

This address will be listed on your letter. If this address isn't correct, you can update it. But your letter will still be valid even with the incorrect address.

Note: To download a letter, you'll need the latest version of Adobe Reader. It's free to download.



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<u>Step 3</u>

Select your preferred sign in method

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Sign in to VA.gov

Secured & powered by ID.me

Sign in with an existing account

🛱 Sign in with DS Logon

✓ ∠ Sign in with My HealtheVet

ID me Sign in with ID.me

OR

Don't have those accounts?

ID.me Create an ID.me account

Use your email, Google, or Facebook

One site. A lifetime of benefits and services at your fingertips.

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You spoke. We listened. VA.gov is the direct result of what you said you wanted most—one easy-to-use place to:

- Check your disability claim and appeal status
- Find out how much money you have left to pay for school or training
- Refill your prescriptions and communicate with your health care team
- ...and more

A secure account powered by ID.me

ID.me is our trusted technology partner in helping to keep your personal information safe. They specialize in digital identity protection and help us make sure you're you—and not someone pretending to be you—before we give you access to your information.

Learn more about ID.me

Having trouble signing in?

Get answers to common questions about signing in and verifying your identity.

If you need more help, call our MyVA411 main information line at 800-698-2411, select 0 (TTY: 711).

When you sign in to VA.gov, you're using a United States federal government information system.

By signing in, you agree to only use information you have legal authority to view and use. You also agree to let us monitor and record your activity on the system and share this information with auditors or law enforcement officials.

By signing in, you confirm that you understand the following:

Unauthorized use of this system is prohibited and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. Unauthorized use includes gaining unauthorized data access, changing data, harming the system or its data, or misusing the system. We can suspend or block your access to this system if we suspect any unauthorized use.



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What if I want to download a letter or document that isn't available from this tool?





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VA letters and documents

To receive some benefits, Veterans need a letter proving their status. You can download some of these benefit letters and documents online.

Step 1 of 2: Review your address

Downloaded documents will list your address as:

Mailing address Edit

When you download a letter, it will show this address. If this address is incorrect you may want to update it, but your letter will still be valid even with the incorrect address.



Veteran programs and services	More VA resources
	VA forms
Homeless Veterans	VA health care providers
Women Veterans	Accredited claims representatives
Minority Veterans	VA mobile apps
LGBT Veterans	Veterans Service Organizations
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Mental health	State Veterans Affairs offices
Adaptive sports and special events	Doing business with VA
VA outreach events	Careers at VA
National Resource Directory	VA outreach materials
	Your VA welcome kit

Get VA updates

VAntage Point blog Email updates

Facebook Instagram

Twitter

Flickr

YouTube

All VA social media

In crisis? Talk to someone now

Veterans Crisis Line

Get answers

Resources and support

Contact us

Call us

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TTY: 711

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Step 2 of 2: Select and download

To see an explanation about each letter, click on the (+) to expand the box. After you expand the box, you'll be given the option to download the letter.

To download a letter, you'll need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. You can then download or save the letter to your device. Open Acrobat Reader, and from the File menu, choose Open. Select the PDF.

If you're still having trouble opening the letter, you may have an older version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. You'll need to <u>download the latest version</u>. It's free.

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Proof of Service Card	+
Proof of Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage Letter	+
Proof of Minimum Essential Coverage Letter	+
Service Verification Letter	+
Civil Service Preference Letter	+
Benefit Summary and Service Verification Letter	+
Benefit Verification Letter	+

A lot of people come to this page looking for their Post-9/11 GI Bill statement of benefits, their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for home loan benefits, and their DD214. We don't have these

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Click the green "Download letter" box

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Civil Service Preference Letter

Benefit Summary and Service Verification Letter

This letter shows your service history and some VA benefits information. You can customize this letter and use it for many things, including to apply for housing assistance, civil service jobs, and state or local property and car tax relief.

Choose the information you want to include.

Military service information

Our records show the 3 most recent service periods. There may be additional service periods not shown here.

Include military service information

Branch of service	Discharge type	Active duty start	Separation date

VA benefit and disability information

Please choose what information you want to include in your letter.

Statement
Your current monthly award is The effective date of the last change to your current award was
Your combined service-connected rating is
You are considered to be totally and permanently disabled solely due to your service-connected disabilities.
You have one or more service-connected disabilities.

Download letter

If your service period or disability status information is incorrect, please send us a message through VA's <u>Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS)</u>. VA will respond within 5 business days.

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Disabled Letter

- Admin Data
- SSN
- Totally and Permanently ٠ Disabled: Yes

These areas must be legible

Note: This is only an example document. General appearance and layout may vary

This completes the process to retrieve your VA Disability Letter, you can now submit it to your MySam account

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FED BLDG 915 2ND AVE SEATTLE WA 98174

January 23, 2015

Veteran's Name:

Mr. Sammy BearKat 1905 University Ave Huntsville, TX 77340

This letter is a summary of benefits you currently receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are providing this letter to disabled Veterans to use in applying for benefits such as housing entitlements, free or reduced state park annual memberships, state or local property or vehicle tax relief, civil service preference, or any other program or entitlement in which verification of VA benefits is required. Please safeguard this important document. This letter replaces VA Form 20-5455, and is considered an official record of your VA entitlement.

--America is Grateful to You for Your Service--

Our records contain the following information:

Personal Claim Infor Your VA claim number is: xxx-xx-6789 You are the Veteran

Military Information:

Your character(s) of discharge and service date(s) include:

Army, Honorable, 02-Apr-1998 - 12-Dec-2002 Army, Honorable, 13-Dec-2002 - 27-May-2013

(You may have additional periods of service not listed above)

VA Benefits Information:

Service-connected disability: Yes

Your combined service-connected evaluation is: 100 PERCENT

The effective date of the last change to your current award was: 01-DEC-2014

Your current monthly award amount is: \$3,348.64

Are you considered to be totally and permanently disabled due to your service-connected disabilities: Yes

You should contact your state or local office of Veterans' affairs for information on any tax, license, or fee-related benefits for which you may be eligible. State offices of Veterans' affairs are available at http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm.

Need Additional Information or Verification?

If you have any questions about this letter or need additional verification of VA benefits, please call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the federal relay number is 711. Send electronic inquiries through the Internet at https://iris.va.gov.

Sincerely yours,

T. MCARTOR VETERANS SERVICE CENTER MANAGER

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