

**Commission on Correctional Peace Officer
Standards and Training**



Veterans Benefits Program

The Commission on Correctional Peace Officer Standards and Training is pleased to announce the streamlining of the Veterans Benefits Program (VA Benefits) for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Benefits are available to qualifying Veterans that attend the Basic Correctional Officer Academy. Upon graduation, you may also qualify to receive benefits throughout the course of your two year apprenticeship. Please visit your local In-Service Training Office (IST) within your institution for more details.

At this time, not all institutions/facilities are approved to provide VA Benefits. Please contact your local IST at your particular institution to verify. If your institution is not permitted to provide benefits, you may have the opportunity to apply for benefits as far back as one calendar year once approval status has been given.

Veterans Benefits while attending Correctional Training Center (CTC) Academy

The CTC is an approved institution to provide Veterans Educational Benefits as a non-college degree for completing the 12 week Basic Correctional Officer Academy. During orientation qualifying cadets will be provided information regarding the application process. Below is a list of documents and information you will provide to the Veterans Liaison:

****Please note, only provide copies of these required documents when reporting to the academy***

- DD-214 Report of Separation from U.S. Military (you must be honorably discharged)
- Name
- Control Number
- Social Security Number
- Certificate of Eligibility*

**To apply online for a Certificate of Eligibility visit:*

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

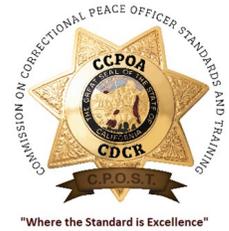
Or to have an application mailed please call:
1-888-GI-BILL-1 (888-442-4551)

If you are a current cadet and need more information, please contact the

CTC academy's VA Coordinator at (209) 744-5000.

For all other questions please email CPOST.Mailbox@cdcr.ca.gov or visit your local IST Office

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Veterans Benefits while on Apprenticeship

Prior to starting the benefits process with your local IST office, you must first apply for VA Benefits through the U.S. Department for Veterans Affairs (USDVA). Once entitlement to benefits is determined, the USDVA will mail a Certificate of Eligibility. Provide a copy of this certificate to your local IST Office to begin the enrollment process.

To apply online for a Certificate of Eligibility, visit:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

Or to have an application mailed to you call:

1-888-GI-BILL-1 (888-442-4551)

Maintaining Your Veterans Benefits

Benefits are paid for the term of your apprenticeship or until benefit entitlement ceases, whichever comes first. Veterans who receive VA benefits through the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation must comply with VA reporting requirements. To continue receiving benefits the veteran must submit the following on a monthly basis to their IST Office:

- Monthly Certification of On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Reporting Hours Worked (VA Form 22-6553d-1)
- Monthly Employee Record of Attendance (CDCR 998-A)
- Copy of the Apprentice Daily Record (DAS 103)

For more information please contact your local IST Office within your institution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our support staff at:

CPOST.Mailbox@cdcr.ca.gov

Thank you for your service!