

# COE (Certificate of Eligibility)

In order to apply any military benefit (i.e. GI Bill, VOC Rehab, etc.) you need to show you are eligible.

Follow these steps to apply for your benefits:

Step 1: Requesting your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

- A) Log onto <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>
- B) Click the “Apply online” link
- C) Scroll down to the “how do I apply?” and click on the green button that says “Find Your Education Benefits Form”

## How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

**Find Your Education Benefits Form** ▾

- D) After completing the questions and clicking on the “Apply Now” button you will be sent to the site where you start your application. Answer the questions as prompted. Click Apply Now when done.

**Apply Now**

- E) Signing in option: If you click on the blue button as shown here- the next screen will prompt you to sign in with an account, or ID.me- but, notice there is an option on this screen to continue without signing in. Either way you can complete this application.

**Sign in to start your application**

[Start your application without signing in](#)

- F) Click on the “Start the Education Application” button to begin the application and follow the screen prompt as directed.

**Start the education application »**

- ❖ When you have more than one benefit, you must decide which benefit you will elect. If you need assistance- contact the GI Bill Hotline at [\(888\) 442-4551](tel:8884424551).

Step 2: Wait for COE to be mailed to your address in 4-6 weeks.

Step 3: Provide the financial aid office, Veteran POC with a copy of your COE and other documents outlined in the GI Bill instruction sheet