

# Veteran Benefits

## GI BILL

- Registered Apprenticeship Programs qualify to be “deemed approved” by the VA for GI Bill benefits. (this does require some forms to be submitted to the State Approving Agency for Veterans benefits)
- When “Deemed approved” Veterans get the following benefits
  - Percentage of tuition and fees for classroom instruction paid directly to school (if using a local school for classroom instruction)
  - Veterans may also collect a Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) while participating in the OJL of the Apprenticeship. (see chart below)

(MHA based on E-5 with dependents allowance rate for the zip code of the program)

| Training Period               | Monthly rate                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| First six months of training  | 100% of your applicable MHA |
| Second six months of training | 80% of your applicable MHA  |
| Third six months of training  | 60% of your applicable MHA  |
| Fourth six months of training | 40% of your applicable MHA  |
| Remaining pursuit of training | 20% of your applicable MHA  |

## Veterans Voc. Rehab. & Employment Funds

- Eligible disabled Veterans ( VA counselors will deem Veterans eligible for this benefit) will be provided all books, fees, and supplies, to include tools required by the training organization, paid for, or procured by VA’s VR&E program. They may also be provided with a monthly housing stipend.
- Employers of these disabled Veterans can be reimbursed up to 50% of the Veteran’s salary for the first 6 months to offset costs associated with a loss of production, training instruction, and training materials.

## DOD SkillBridge

Sponsors located around military installations are eligible to participate in the DoD SkillBridge program.

- Participating military members may be released up to 6 months prior to separation from Active Duty to participate in a Registered Apprenticeship program.
- During that time the Veteran is paid their military pay and benefits until their Date of Separation from Active Duty. This allows the Sponsor to have that Veteran for FREE!  
(Once the Veteran separates from Active Duty and is employed by the sponsor/employer, normal rules apply)
- All training (including RTI) must be at little or no cost to the Veteran.