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## Registered Apprenticeship Sponsors

Industries today are constantly on the lookout for talent, and our nation's Veterans are a proven talent pool. The Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Labor (DOL) are working together to make GI Bill® approval for registered apprenticeship programs a seamless process.

As a Registered Apprenticeship program, your program may be “**Approved for GI Bill®**”. To determine whether your program is eligible, it is best to first contact your State Approving Agency (SAA) for advice and guidance (Find your state's contact information: [www.nasaa-vetseducation.com/contacts/default.aspx](http://www.nasaa-vetseducation.com/contacts/default.aspx)).

To ensure that eligible Veterans in your Registered Apprenticeship program can receive GI Bill benefits, you will need to complete and send the following information to your SAA:

- **Employer's Application to Provide Job Training**, VA Form 22-8865 (Enclosed and found on the GI Bill® website: [benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://benefits.va.gov/gibill)).
- **Designation of Certifying Official(s)**, VA Form 22-8794 (Enclosed)
- **Registered Apprenticeship Program Standards**

Your SAA can authorize your Registered Apprenticeship program as “**Approved for the GI Bill®**” typically within 30 days. Then, VA can provide your eligible Veterans with the GI Bill education benefits they have earned. Please inform your Veteran apprentices they should visit the GI Bill website to complete their individual approval to receive benefits.

By taking this simple action, your organization is not only supporting your current eligible Veteran apprentices, but also ensuring that your organization can be certified by the VA to provide GI Bill benefits to future Veterans you hire in the Registered Apprenticeship program. We encourage you to inform your Veteran apprentices about the GI Bill benefits available and advertise your program's eligibility in your Veteran apprentice recruitment efforts.



Please note it is completely voluntary for your organization to complete the forms, there is no charge for this service, and it is ultimately the Veteran's decision on whether and how to use these benefits.

VA's online **Employment Center** allows you to post your Apprenticeship Job Openings: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

**American Job Centers** can assist you in identifying available qualified Veterans who are looking for job opportunities: [www.servicelocator.org](http://www.servicelocator.org).

**Assistance with Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship:** [www.apprenticeship.gov](http://www.apprenticeship.gov)

**Learn more about the GI Bill:** [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

**Other organizations/employers that are “Approved for the GI Bill®”:** <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>