

# Federal and State benefits for Veterans in the Great State of Texas

(eligibility based on Discharge & VA Disability Rating)

#### 100% PERMANENT & TOTAL - COMPENSATION or IU

FULL MEDICAL BENEFIT eligibility Waiver of national service Life Insurance premiums Tax-Free Student Loan forgiveness (filed through the Department of Education)

#### 100% Service Connected Disabled or IU

Dental Treatment

TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES (Texas Benefit - for homestead residence)

#### 70% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$12,000 (Texas Benefit)

#### 60% Service-Connected Disabled

Free TX Driver's License (with rating & Honorable Discharge) Free TX State Park Admission (w/ TPWD passport)

#### 50% Service-Connected Disabled

VHA Healthcare Priority Group 1 <u>Property Tax exemption</u> for first \$10,000 (*Texas Benefit*) <u>Free TX Hunting & Fishing License Pkg.</u> <u>Special license plates</u>. \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (*Texas Benefit*)

## 40% Service-Connected Disabled (due to an amputation of a lower extremity)

Special license plates. \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (Texas Benefit)

#### 30% Service-Connected Disabled

<u>Property Tax exemption</u> for first \$7,500 (*Texas Benefit*) Dependents considered for compensation purposes and payment calculations Non-Competitive Federal Employment (NCE) eligibility Mileage reimbursement for VA Medical appointments

#### 10% - 20% Service-Connected Disabled

Medical care for rated disability/(ies) at no charge. Co-Pay for non-related prescriptions and Dr. visits. Hearing aids/glasses provided at no fee, no charge. <u>Property Tax exemption</u> for first \$5,000 (*Texas Benefit*) Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling eligibility [Title 38, Chapter 31] Clothing Allowance for prosthetic devices Veterans preference on civil service [10 points]

#### 0% Service-Connected, Purple Heart Recipients, Former POWs, and Primary Family Caregivers of Veterans

Access to Commissary, Military Exchange, and MWR privileges on U.S. military installations (under the Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018)

#### ALL VETERANS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guarantee

Home Loan guarantee fee exemption

#### SDVI - must file within 2-years of a "new service connection"

Educational assistance under the Hazlewood Program (*"IF" initially enlisted within the state of Texas*) Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) programs require 90-days of cumulative service, and any discharge other than Dishonorable

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) housing assistance program

Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) home improvement program

SPOUSE BENEFITS - 100% P&T Disability: CHAMPVA Chapter 35 Education Benefits Veteran Employment Preference



### HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CLAIM

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CLAIM, OR APPEAL:

 CALL THE TVC Regional Office (if TVC has POA)

 HOUSTON
 (713) 383-2756

 SAN ANTONIO
 (210) 699-5076

 WACO
 (254) 299-9950

CALL THE VA TOLL FREE PHONE #: **1-800-827-1000** GO ONLINE: <u>www.ebenefits.va.gov</u> SEND AN EMAIL TO THE VA AT: <u>IRIS@VA.GOV</u>

When you contact the TVC Regional Office, the VA toll-free phone number, or VA E-mail, be sure to specify whether you are inquiring about a "claim" or an "appeal". Appeal information is located through a different database system.

When you go online to the VA eBenefits website, you will have to create an account *(user name and password)*. After that, you can check the status of your claim. If you have problems or difficulties registering for eBenefits, call 1-800-938-0937 for customer support.

USEFUL AND HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS TO ASSIST VETERANS IN THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS:	
HOTLINES, HELPINES, & HOMELESS SERVICES	
VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE (NATIONWIDE Toll-Free) HELPLINE (Text 838255)	1-800-273-8255
(AGENT ORANGE & GULF WAR)	1-800-749-8387
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE	1-877-424-3838
DEBT MANAGEMENT CENTER (DMC)	1-800-827-0648
MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY (MCCR)	1-866-393-9132
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	
CHAMPVA	1-800-733-8387
EBENEFITS CUSTOMER SUPPORT	1-800-983-0937
EDUCATION & TRAINING	1-888-442-4551
HEADSTONES & MARKERS	1-800-697-6947
HOME LOANS	1-877-827-3702
LIFE INSURANCE	1-800-669-8477
PENSION MANAGEMENT CENTER (PMC)	1-877-294-6380
SPECIAL HEALTH ISSUES	1-800-749-8387
VA FRAUD OFFICE	1-800-488-8244
VA HEALTHCARE	1-877-222-8387
VET CENTER (NATIONWIDE Toll-Free)	1-877-927-8387
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	
DEFENSE FINANCE & ACCOUNTING SERVICES (DFAS)	1-888-332-7411
SGLI/VGLI OFFICE	1-800-419-1473
OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS	
SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (SBA)	1-800-827-5722
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)	1-800-772-1213
STATE OF TEXAS PROGRAMS & OFFICES	
HAZLEWOOD ACT	1-512-463-6834
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES	1-800-458-9858
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES	1-512-458-7111
TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD (VLB)	1-800-252-8387
TEXVET	
TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION (TVC) PROGRAMS	1-512-936-6678
TEXAS WOMENS VETERANS INITIATIVE	
ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM (TVC)	1-512-720-0358
HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HCAP)	1-512-463-0571

