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VA helps Veterans maximize their GI Bill education benefits.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is making it easier for eligible Veterans to maximize use of their GI Bill education benefits in the wake of two recent court rulings.

The rulings (*Rudisill v. McDonough* and *Perkins v. Collins*) potentially enable millions of Veterans to receive additional education benefits under both the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Veterans may be eligible under either court decision for an additional 12 months of benefits, up to a total of 48 months.

[Learn more about how these decisions may impact you.](#)

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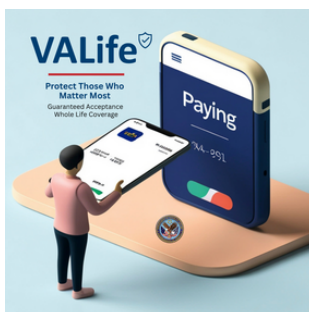
How to avoid tax scams: Know your tax preparer



It's Almost Tax Day: Don't get scammed!

VA is committed to protecting Veterans and their families from tax fraud. Follow these tips to avoid being scammed this tax season. You should know how to recognize scams when working with tax preparers.

[Learn more about ghost preparers and other tax scams.](#)



VALife: Protect Those Who Matter Most

Have you ever felt that life insurance is too expensive? VALife provides guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage from \$10,000 to \$40,000, with easy and convenient payment options. [Learn more about it today.](#)



Gold Star Spouses Day

Each year on April 5, Gold Star Spouses Day, our nation honors the sacrifice, strength and resilience of the surviving spouses of fallen military service members. At VA, that recognition also means making sure surviving spouses know about the many benefits available to help them rebuild their lives.

Surviving spouses may be [eligible for a variety of VA benefits](#) based on their late spouse's service.



Spring Home Buying Season

With Spring comes the home buying and building season. VA offers great [home loan](#) options for those seeking to buy a new home. If you are considering building a home, VA offers construction loans for Veterans to build their dream homes.

Learn more about [construction loans](#).



Object 2: Bounty Land Warrant

From the American Revolution through the aftermath of the Mexican War, the United States awarded more than 61 million acres of public land to Veterans and their heirs through bounty land warrants. For a nation with limited financial resources, the bounty land warrants served as an invaluable tool to encourage and reward military service.

Read more about [Object 2](#) in the History of VA in 100 Objects digital exhibit.



Financing the Future: Unlocking Growth with SBA

Veteran and military spouse entrepreneurs can leverage the SBA 504 Loan Program to access long-term, fixed-rate financing for major business investments. The 504 program helps fund real estate purchases, facility expansions, and equipment upgrades, giving you affordable capital to scale with confidence. With support from Certified Development Companies and participating lenders, the 504 program is designed to fuel stable, sustainable growth for your #VetBiz: [sba.gov/504](#).



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Since 1946, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) has been on a mission to change lives and build brighter futures for our seriously injured heroes. PVA membership opens up a world of programs and services designed to help you live your best life: assistance with your earned VA benefits; help with employment and higher education; sports and recreation opportunities; and a window into PVA's important research and advocacy efforts. Learn more about PVA's support services.

[Learn More](#)

Change Your VA Direct Deposit Information

If you receive disability compensation, pension, or education benefits from VA, you can [update your direct deposit information in your VA.gov profile](#). You'll need your bank's routing number and account number to make the updates.

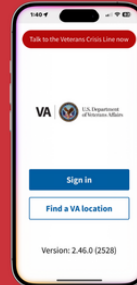
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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 15 – *Financial Literacy Month Celebration – Prudential Pathways Educational Series*
- Apr. 22 – *Wellness Wednesday | Is Your Financial House in Order?*
- Apr. 23 – *Special Adaptive Housing Program Overview Webinar*

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