

# STUDENT VETERAN CHECKLIST

This guide is designed to help assist you in your transition from military service to the University of Rhode Island. Please visit the VA Education Website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/index.html> or contact the VA Education Office at 1-888-442-4551 to understand which VA Educational Benefits you are eligible for. The following items listed below on this checklist need to be completed to ensure proper processing of your Education Benefits.

Apply for Admission to the University of Rhode Island

- Freshman: 18 college preparatory units, with no post- secondary credit, visit [www.uri.edu/admission](http://www.uri.edu/admission). High School Transcripts and SAT or ACT Test Scores must be submitted.
- Transfer: 24 transferrable credits earned at an accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.50 is required, visit [www.uri.edu/admission/transferrequirements](http://www.uri.edu/admission/transferrequirements). Official Transcripts must be submitted from previous college or universities.
- Performance Based Admission: If no full-time educational experience occurred within the last 3 years, visit [www.uri.edu/prov/futurestudents/admission.html#pba](http://www.uri.edu/prov/futurestudents/admission.html#pba)
- Non-Matriculating Status: VA will allow two semesters as a non-matriculating student. You may take up to 15 credits of coursework while a non-matriculating student. These credits will count towards your degree if you should apply and be accepted. Application Form is located at [www.uri.edu/es](http://www.uri.edu/es).

Applying for VA Benefits

To apply for Education Benefits, go online to [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp).

- Form 22-1990 for Post 9/11 Chapter 33, Chapter 30 Montgomery, Chapter 1606 Reserves
- Form 22-1990E for Post 9/11 Chapter 33 for Spouse/Dependent (Transferred).
- Form 22-5490 for Dependent Education Assistance Chapter 35 DEA (normally for dependents of 100% disabled or deceased Veterans).
- Form 28-1900 for Vocational Rehabilitation Program Chapter 31.
- Form 22-1995 if you have used VA Education Benefits at another institution to show that you have changed schools.

To Start Benefits at the University of Rhode Island, the following needs to be submitted for certification.

- Certificate of Eligibility (Award Letter) - Once you complete your online application, the VA Regional Processing Office will send you a Certificate of Eligibility, also known as an award letter, via US Postal Service. Allow 6 weeks for processing. [Bring this letter to the VA Certifying Official.](#)
- URI Veteran's Certification Worksheet (VCW) – After you register for classes, the VCW must be submitted to the Certifying Official form every semester you are requesting benefits. We will not certify to the VA without the VSW. This for can be found on our website, [www.uri.edu/es](http://www.uri.edu/es), click onto forms, scroll down to Veterans, click onto URI Veteran's Certification Worksheet.
- DD 214 Form
- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) – Reserve/National Guard. NOTE: The STAP or STEP Waivers must go to the Bursar's Office.

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## Federal Financial Aid

- All students are highly encouraged to apply for Federal Financial Aid. Benefits may include Federal Pell Grants, Federally Guaranteed Loans, Federal Work-Study Program. Application for Federal Financial Aid can be accessed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). URI FAFSA School Code Number is 003414.

## Important

- If using Chapters 30, 35, 1606 you are responsible for paying tuition and fees and any monies owed to the University. You receive a monthly stipend sent directly to you for school attendance from the VA which is paid at the end of each month of attendance.
- If using Chapters 30, 1606 you need to verify your attendance every month with the VA. This can be done by phone, 877-823-2378 or online at [www.gbill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gbill.va.gov/wave).
- If using Chapter 33, Post 9/11, tuition and fees are paid directly to the school at whatever percent you are entitled to. Monthly living stipend and book allowance are paid directly to student.
- If using Chapter 31, tuition, fees and book allowance are paid directly to the school. Living stipend paid directly to student.
- Contact the VA Certifying Official immediately if there are any changes in your enrollment status, including adding courses, dropping courses, withdrawing, change of majors or receiving incompletes or NW grades to not incur personal charges to the VA.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- Undergraduate Admissions Advisor, Newman Hall, Kingston, RI 02881, [transferadmission@uri.edu](mailto:transferadmission@uri.edu), 401-874-7100
- Graduate School Admissions, Quinn Hall, Kingston, RI 02881, 401-874-2872, [urigrad@etal.uri.edu](mailto:urigrad@etal.uri.edu).
- Jeff Johnson, Academic Advisor, contact for Performance Based Admission, 401-277-5160, [jeff\\_johnson@mail.uri.edu](mailto:jeff_johnson@mail.uri.edu).
- John Ronney, Coordinator, UC/Transfer Resource Center. (Determines what credits may be accepted for transfer for military experience) University College/Transfer Resource Center, Roosevelt Hall, Kingston, RI, 401-874-2473, [john\\_rooney@uri.edu](mailto:john_rooney@uri.edu).
- Sharon Lee Charlton, VA Certifying Official, Kingston, RI, 401-874-5509, [slc@uri.edu](mailto:slc@uri.edu).
- Roy I. Jones, VA Certifying Official, Kingston, RI, 401-874-4468, [rjones@uri.edu](mailto:rjones@uri.edu)
- Financial Aid, Kingston, RI, 401-874-9500