

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 Veterans Administration Education Website at www.vets.gov or contact the VA Education Office at 1-888-442-4551 to understand which VA Education 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 credits, visit www.uri.edu/admission High School Transcripts and SAT or ACT Test Scores must be submitted.
 - Transfer:** Please visit: <https://web.uri.edu/admission/transfer-admission-requirements/>.
 - 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. The Non-Degree Application Form is located at www.uri.edu/es. Open on the word "Forms" on the left then scroll under "General Students" to "Non-Degree Student Application."
- Applying for VA Benefits
 - To apply for Education Benefits, go Online to www.vets.gov
 - Click: Apply for Education Benefits, then start application process
- 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 URI VA Certifying Officials](#) at Enrollment Services, Green Hall, 2nd floor.
 - URI Veteran's Verification Worksheet** (VWV) – After you register for classes, the VWV must be submitted to the Certifying Official for every semester you requesting benefits. We will not certify the VA benefit without the VWV. This form can be found on our website, www.uri.edu/es. Open on the word "Veterans" on the left then under the word Forms find: Student Veterans Verification Worksheet.
 - Military Discharge Form DD 214**
 - Notice of Basic Eligibility** (NOBE) – Reserve/Nation Guard. NOTE: The State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) Waiver must be submitted to the Bursar's Office located in Enrollment Services, Green Hall.

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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. 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.gibill.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, 401-874-7100
- Graduate School Admissions, Quinn Hall, Kingston, RI 02881, 401-874-2872, urigrad@etal.uri.edu.
- Jeff Johnson, Academic Advisor. Contact for Performance Based Admission if no full-time educational experience occurred with the last three years. 401-277- 5160 jeff_johnson@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.
- Sharon Lee Charlton, VA Certifying Official, Kingston, RI, 401-874-5509, slc@uri.edu.
- Roy I. Jones, VA Certifying Official, Kingston, RI, 401-874-4468, rjones@uri.edu
- Financial Aid, Kingston, RI, 401-874-9500

eBenefits

- Access your current Post 9/11 GI Bill enrollment and disability status on eBenefits. www.ebenefits.va.gov