

# CHECKLIST FOR RECEIVING VA EDUCATION BENEFITS AT



## SANTA ANA COLLEGE

For Chapters 33 Post 9/11, 30 MGB, 35 DEA, 1606 Reservist, 31 VR&E

### For new Veteran Students & Dependents using VA education benefits for the first time:

- Enroll in the So Cal Veterans Upward Bound Program.
- Enroll at SAC to become a student & get a student ID (make sure residency is California), [www.sac.edu](http://www.sac.edu).
- Get a **Comprehensive Educational Plan** from VRC Academic Counselor. Set up an appointment in the VRC (714) 564-6050. (Bring official or unofficial academic transcripts from all previously attended institutions to your counseling appointment. They must be evaluated in Admissions and Records within the first semester of attendance and applied towards your plan.
- Submit a Priority Registration Form with proof of military service and/or Certificate of Eligibility (COE) go to [www.sac.edu/vrcforms](http://www.sac.edu/vrcforms).
- To request your Official Joint Service Transcripts (JST) and have them sent directly to SAC, [Click here](#).
- Fill out FAFSA (Financial Aid) and CCPG application for appropriate academic year: <https://studentaid.gov>
- After academic counseling appointment, register in required courses on Self Service [check Ed Plan]
- For Certification purposes, turn in the following to the VRC:
  - [ ] Submit the Certification Request Form Online found on the VRC website [www.sac.edu/vrcforms](http://www.sac.edu/vrcforms)
  - [ ] Copy of Certificate of Eligibility or confirmation page of VA application Form 22-1990 or Form 22-5490 (for dependents) from va.gov. For Ch 31, Copy of Approved Rehab Plan from Voc Rehab Counselor.
  - [ ] DD-2384 or NOBE (for reservists).
  - [ ] Copy of Form DD-214, Member 4 (veterans).
  - [ ] Comprehensive Educational Plan.

### For continuing SAC Veteran students & dependents already receiving benefits:

- Enroll in the Veterans Student Support Services program.
- Fill out FAFSA (Financial Aid) and CCPG application for appropriate academic year: <https://studentaid.gov>
- Register in required classes listed on your educational plan [check ed plan].
- Submit the Certification Request Form Online found on the VRC website [www.sac.edu/vrcforms](http://www.sac.edu/vrcforms)

### For transferring Veteran Students & Dependents who've used VA benefits previously:

- Enroll in the Veterans Student Support Services program.
- Enroll at SAC to become a student & get a student ID (make sure residency is California), [www.sac.edu](http://www.sac.edu).
- Get a **Comprehensive Educational Plan** from VRC Academic Counselor. Set up an appointment in the VRC (714) 564-6050. (Bring official or unofficial academic transcripts from all previously attended institutions to your counseling appointment. They must be evaluated in Admissions and Records within the first semester of attendance and applied towards your plan.
- Turn in Priority Registration Form with proof of military service and/or Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- To request your Official Joint Service Transcripts (JST) and have them sent directly to SAC, [Click here](#).
- Fill out FAFSA (Financial Aid) and CCPG application for appropriate academic year: <https://studentaid.gov>
- After academic counseling appointment, register in required courses on Self Service [check ed plan]
- For Certification purposes, turn in the following to the VRC:
  - [ ] Submit the Certification Request Form Online found on the VRC website [www.sac.edu/vrcforms](http://www.sac.edu/vrcforms)
  - [ ] Copy of confirmation page of Form 22-1995 or 22-5495 for Chapter 35 (through va.gov)
  - [ ] Copy of Approved Rehab Plan from Voc Rehab Counselor, for Chapter 31, VRE students.
  - [ ] Copy of Form DD-214, Member 4 (veterans), Notice of Basic Eligibility (reservists).
  - [ ] Comprehensive Educational Plan.

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**ASK US ABOUT OUR MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS PROGRAM THROUGH STRENGTH IN SUPPORT!**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN GET GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ON TOP OF YOUR GI BILL BENEFITS???**

*More about Financial Aid: Apply at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). On top of your GI Bill®, you may be eligible for Federal & State Grants, which are free, and student loans which you will need to repay back. SAC's school code is **001284**. Please follow up with the Financial Aid Office. Also, you can take advantage of Scholarships as well! Please visit the Scholarships Office for more information. Scholarships are usually open between November and February for the following academic year. These monies are in addition to your GI Bill® so don't miss out! Make sure you fill out the California College Promise Grant as well! The VA takes their time in sending tuition and fees for Chapter 33 students. To ensure your classes don't get dropped, have the state cover it instead! Most people qualify for this benefit either through the short form or through the FAFSA! We can help you with these forms in the VRC!*



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