<https://www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility-esp/>

**Am I eligible for VA health care benefits?**

You may be eligible for VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn’t receive a dishonorable discharge.

**If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, or entered active duty after October 16, 1981**

You must have served 24 continuous months or the full period for which you were called to active duty, unless any of the descriptions below are true for you.

**This minimum duty requirement may not apply if any of these are true:**

* You were discharged for a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, **or**
* You were discharged for a hardship or “early out,” **or**
* You served prior to September 7, 1980

**If you’re a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard**

You must have been called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty. If you had or have active-duty status for training purposes only, you don’t qualify for VA health care.

**If you served in certain locations and time periods during the Vietnam War era**

You’re eligible for VA health care. Keep reading to learn more.

**If you meet the basic service and discharge requirements and were exposed to toxins or other hazards while serving our country—at home or abroad**

You’re eligible for VA health care. This includes all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11.