

Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program (IV-TP)

The IV-TP helps ex-offender veterans who are at risk of homelessness to reenter the workforce. The program provides direct services to link incarcerated veterans with appropriate employment and life skills support as they transition back into the community.

Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS)

VETS provides veterans and transitioning service members with the resources and services to succeed in the workforce by maximizing their employment opportunities and by meeting the labor market demands with qualified veterans.

For More information regarding the Incarcerated Veterans transition Program and VETS' program please contact:

**US Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW Room S-1325
Washington, DC 2021 or contact the DC
Office Of Veterans Affairs at 202-724-5454**

District of Columbia Office of Ex-Offender Affairs (OEOA)

OEOA provides direct services, resources and information to assist DC residents in making a successful reintegration after a period of incarceration.

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POCKET GUIDE FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED VETERANS

Can I receive Department of Veterans Affairs benefits in prison?

VA can pay certain benefits to veterans who are incarcerated in a Federal, State or local penal institution. However, the amount VA pays depends on the type of benefit and reason for incarceration. This brochure attempts to provide information about the benefits most commonly affected by incarceration.

How will incarceration affect the payment of:

VA Disability Compensation?

Your monthly payment will be reduced beginning with the 61st day of your imprisonment for a **felony**. If your payment before you went to prison was greater than the 10% rate, your new payment amount will be at the 10% rate. If you were getting the 10% rate before you were imprisoned, your new payment will be half the 10% rate. Compensation benefits are not reduced if imprisoned for a **misdemeanor**.

Note: If you are released from incarceration – participating in a work release or half-way house program, or paroled, your compensation payments will not be reduced.

Frequently Asked Questions of Formerly Incarcerated Veterans

VA Disability Pension?

If you are imprisoned in a Federal, State or local penal institution as the result of conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, such pension payment will be discontinued effective on the 61st day of incarceration following conviction.

Am I eligible for VA medical care while incarcerated?

While incarcerated veterans do not forfeit their eligibility for medical care; however, current regulations restrict VA from providing hospital and outpatient care to an incarcerated veteran who is an inmate in an institution of another government agency when that agency has a duty to give the care or services. However, VA may provide care once the veteran has been unconditionally released from the penal institution. Veterans interested in applying for enrollment into the VA health care system should contact the nearest VA health care facility upon their release.

Can my spouse, children or dependent parents receive any of the money not paid to me due to my incarceration?

VA can take all or part of the amount of benefits you are not receiving and apportion it to your spouse, child or children and dependent parents on the basis of individual need. They should contact the nearest VA regional office for details on how to apply. They will be asked to provide income information as part of the application process.

Will my benefits be automatically resumed when I get out of prison?

Your award for compensation or pension benefits shall be resumed the date of release from incarceration if the Department of Veterans Affairs receives notice of release within 1 year following release. Depending on the type of disability, VA may schedule you for a medical examination to see if your disability has improved. You will need to visit or call your local VA regional office for assistance.

