

Directory of Services Available to Veterans in South Carolina



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APPRENTICESHIP

Office of Apprenticeship

Program Description: ApprenticeshipUSA offers employers in every industry the tools to develop a highly skilled workforce to help grow their business. For workers, ApprenticeshipUSA offers opportunities to earn a salary while learning the skills necessary to succeed in high-demand careers. Apprenticeship programs range from one (1) year to six (6) years, but the majority programs are four years in length. During the program, the apprentice receives both structured, on-the-job training (OJT) and job-related education. For each year of apprenticeship, the apprentice will normally receive 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and a recommended minimum of 144 hours of related classroom instruction.

Services Provided: Participants who are newly hired (or already employed) earn wages from employers during training and the programs must meet national standards for registration with the U.S. Department of Labor (or federally-recognized State Apprenticeship Agencies). The apprenticeship programs provide on-the-job learning and job-related technical instruction. On-the-job learning is conducted in the work setting under the direction of one or more of the employer's personnel and training results in industry-recognized credentials. Often Registered Apprenticeship sponsors work directly with community colleges that ultimately provide college credit for the apprentice. After completion of an apprenticeship program, the apprentice earns a nationally recognized credential from the Department of Labor that is portable and stackable. Additionally, along with earning a paycheck throughout the apprenticeship, an apprentice is also elevated to journeyworker status that leads to increased pay and upward career opportunities.

Who to Contact:

Office of Apprenticeship
Strom Thurmond Building
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 765-5547
Website: www.dol.gov/featured/apprenticeship

Veterans on the Job Training (OJT) and Apprenticeship (APP) Programs

Program Description: The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Veteran's Education division acts as the Approving Agency that approves programs where veterans and those eligible for VA education benefits can achieve quality training in either an educational, professional, or vocational objectives. Those eligible are able to use their GI Bill benefits for on-the-job training (OJT) and Apprenticeship (APP) training. It is possible to receive a monthly educational benefit check from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) for training in an approved OJT or APP program. OJT is training received while actually performing a job and earning wages. OJT programs must be at least six months up to two years in length to qualify. Apprenticeship training is OJT coupled with technical instruction (minimum 144 hours per year).

Services Provided: Apprenticeship programs are normally from two to five years in length. A program may be backdated for up to one year for benefit purposes. The South Carolina State Approving Agency (SAA) approves and monitors the OJT/APP training programs and serves as a liaison between participants and the VA. The SAA does not place veterans in jobs / apprenticeships or offer training. The veteran or eligible person must already be employed in order to use GI Bill benefits for an OJT or apprenticeship program. Once/If your employer is approved you must complete an OJT/APP enrollment packet. **NOTE:** Not all occupations can be approved.

Who to Contact:

SC Commission of Higher Education
Veterans Education and Training
1122 Lady Street Suite 300
Columbia, South Columbia 29201
Telephone: (803)737-2260
Website: www.che.sc.gov

EDUCATION

Adult Education

Program Description: Adult Education programs are available through local school districts, technical schools, vocational rehabilitation centers, and many other institutions and agencies. Programs are designed to allow adults to earn a state high school diploma, to prepare them to pass the High School Equivalency Test (G.E.D), or to meet individual needs for upgrading educational levels.

Services Provided: Adult Education in South Carolina offers a range of program accessibility, certified instructors, current curriculum materials, especially computer-based materials, and instructional resources. Programs provide individual learning plans supported by individual instruction. Instruction is delivered in small groups, whole groups, and in contextualized classroom learning. Program staffs consistently monitor attendance and readiness for assessment to move students toward a High School Diploma (HSD), High School Equivalency Degree (HSED), and/or Career Readiness Certificate (CRC), as well as transition them to post-secondary education and/or employment as expediently as possible.

Who to Contact: Persons interested in Adult Education should contact their local school superintendent, local director of Adult Education, or call the State Department of Education, Office of Adult Education at (803) 734-0890 or log on to their website at www.ed.sc.gov

Career and Technology Education

Program Description and Services Provided: The mission of the Office of Career and Technology Education is to provide leadership and services to districts and schools supporting

grade-level, standards-based curricula through the integration of academic and career and technical instruction for students in grades seven through twelve. Each career cluster identifies different pathways from secondary to two- and four-year colleges, graduate school, and the workplace. The Career and Technology Education program is for all students who plan to pursue work or postsecondary education in those chosen career paths following high school graduation.

Who to Contact: Persons interested in Career and Technology Education programs should call their local school district, high school principal, or the local career center director. The Office of Career and Technology Education can be reached at (803) 734-8500 or log on to <http://www.ed.sc.gov/instruction/career-and-technology-education/>.

National Career Readiness Certificate

Program Description and Services Provided: Provides contextualized instruction in preparation for the WorkKeys assessment. The WorkKeys assessment comprises the National Career Readiness Certificate (CRC): Locating Information, Reading for Information and Applied Mathematics. In addition to preparing for the WorkKeys assessment, individual can also be administered the WorkKeys exam. WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop, and retain a high-performance workforce. This series of tests measures foundational and soft skills and offers specialized assessments to target institutional needs.

Who to Contact: Persons interested in information regarding the WorkKeys assessment should contact their local State Workforce Agency or log onto <http://www.sces.org/>. They may also call the office of Adult Education at (803)734-8300 or log onto <http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/adult-education/national-career-readiness-certificate/> .

Vocational Rehabilitation

Program Description: Vocational Rehabilitation prepares and assists eligible South Carolinians with disabilities to achieve and maintain competitive employment. In collaboration with community partners and agencies, technical colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations, Vocational Rehabilitation offers a customized approach to employing veterans with disabilities. Veterans may be eligible for selected services that do not duplicate those provided by the Veterans Administration.

Services Provided: Through counseling, career guidance and vocational assessment, clients are able to identify their abilities and develop skills so they are empowered to choose a career to be successful and become independent. Job retention services help employers retain their employees, by assisting those who are experiencing physical or emotional concerns jeopardizing their employment (including alcohol and other substance abuse) thus allowing those employees to become their most valuable asset. There is no cost for this service, which allows our business partners to maintain the leverage needed to stay competitive.

Who to Contact: For more information on the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation program and to locate the nearest office, please log on to <http://scvrd.net/>.

Technical Education

Program Description: The South Carolina Technical College (TEC) System is the state's largest post high school educational system. These institutions offer one and two year programs in occupational education, as well as numerous short-term programs for updating or upgrading the skills of persons who are already employed. Dedicated to making a quality higher education both accessible and affordable, the System plays a key role in educating and training South Carolina's workforce for the in-demand, high-skilled jobs of today and tomorrow.

Services Provided: Comprised of 16 colleges located strategically across the state and two internationally-renowned statewide programs: [readySC™](#) and Apprenticeship Carolina™, the SC Technical College System is dedicated to furthering economic and workforce development in South Carolina.

Who to Contact – Any TEC Campus in South Carolina or
State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210
Telephone: (803) 896-5320
Website: www.sctechsystem.edu

Colleges and Universities

Program Description and Services Provided: Post-Secondary degree programs are offered at all South Carolina Colleges and Universities. All Campuses in South Carolina welcome veterans. Most of them have designated staff members to assist veterans in making the transition from the military to college. They are also there to assist military family members who will be utilizing VA benefits.

Who to Contact: Information on curricula, financial aid, housing, etc., can be obtained by contacting the Director of admissions of the institution of interest or accessing the institution's website.

Information may also be obtained from:

State Approving Section/Veterans Education and Training
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803)737-2260
Website: www.che.sc.gov

Troops to Teachers

Program Description and Services Provided: Troops to Teachers is a US Department of Defense (DoD) agency that helps members or honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces transition into rewarding careers as K-12 educators in America's public schools, public charter, and private schools (not college or adult education instructors). Eligible military personnel transition to a second career as public school teachers in "[high-need schools](#)".

Eligibility and registration may be found at:

www.proudtoserveagain.com

Who to Contact:

Troops to Teachers Coordinator
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29223
Telephone: (803) 896-0325
Website: www.ed.sc.gov

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Local Workforce Centers of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (SC DEW)

Program Description: The department of Employment and Workforce provides timely information about job opportunities, training, re employment rights, unemployment compensation, and the many other services available through their local American Job Centers. For veterans with a physical handicap or other problems requiring individualized service, placement assistance, counseling and testing and special employment assistants is also available. Veterans are entitled to services based on their barriers to employment and are referred to job opportunities in their career fields.

Who to Contact: S.C. Workforce Centers throughout South Carolina. (See the listing in the in **Appendix B** of this document) or log on to www.careeronestop.org or www.veterans.gov/ or <https://www.scworks.org/>

Operation Palmetto Employment

Operation Palmetto Employment is a commitment to help service members, family member, and veterans find meaningful civilian careers. The goal is to make South Carolina the most military friendly state in the nation and to provide updated resources and continually reducing unemployment rates. www.operationpalmettoemployment.sc.gov.

Who to Contact:

Program Director, Employment Services
South Carolina National Guard
Service Member and Family Care
Office: (803) 299-1713

Federal Employment

Program Description: Federal employment information can be found through Workforce Centers throughout South Carolina or on-line at www.usajobs.gov . For those seeking Federal employment, an account must be created in USAJobs.

State Employment

Program Description: A wide variety of South Carolina State jobs are open to veterans.

Who to contact: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sc/default.cfm> or www.jobs.sc.gov

U.S. Postal Service

Program Description: The United States Postal Service has a long history of providing career opportunities to veterans, reservists, and their family members.

Services Provided: Eligible veterans may be entitled to Veterans' Preference in the hiring process.

Who to Contact: <http://about.usps.com/careers/welcome.htm>

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Program Description: The mission of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health is to support the recovery of people with mental illnesses. The S.C. Department of Mental Health gives priority to adults, children, and their families affected by serious mental illnesses and significant emotional disorders. They are committed to eliminating stigma and promoting the philosophy of recovery, and with collaboration with all stakeholders, will achieve their goals and assure the highest quality of culturally competent services possible.

Services Provided: The South Carolina Department of Mental Health offers services in the Assessment and Resource Center; The Art of Recovery; Children, Adolescents and Their Families, (CAF); Client Advocacy Office; Client Affairs; Client Employment; Clinical Care Coordination; Community Residential Care Facilities; Deaf Services; and Housing and Homeless Programs. There are also services in the Mental Health Centers and Hospitals; Multi-Cultural Council Statewide; School-Based Services; Speakers Bureau; DMH Telepsychiatry; Toward Local Care (TLC); and they offer Volunteer Services.

Who to Contact:

S.C. Department of Mental Health

Telephone: (803) 898-8581

Website: www.scdmh.org

S.C Adjutant General's Office

Program Description: The Adjutant General is head of the Military Department of the State. The Adjutant General administers the affairs of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard, the Emergency Management Division, and the State Guard. The Governor, by law, is the Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant General is a Constitutional Officer elected by the people of South Carolina and has the rank of Major General. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is listed as a separate agency in this depository.

Services Provided: Membership in the National Guard offers the opportunity to serve the community, state and country on a part time basis while receiving excellent pay and benefits. Tuition assistance is available for members of the National Guard from both State and Federal Programs.

Who to Contact: Consult the State Government Section of your local phone directory for the location and phone number of the National Guard facility nearest you, or call Recruiting and Retention at 1-800-922-6600 for more information. <http://www.scguard.com/join-the-guard/>

Office of the Adjutant General
1 National Guard Road Stop 10
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 299-4200
www.scguard.com

SERVICES AND BENEFITS**FOR DISCRIMINATION PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS****SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Program Description: The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission was created to encourage fair treatment, eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination, and foster mutual understanding and respect among all people in the state. The Commission strives to alleviate problems of discrimination through the enforcement of the South Carolina Human Affairs Law, the South Carolina Fair Housing Law, and the South Carolina Equal Enjoyment and Privileges to Public Accommodations Law.

Services Provided: The mission of the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is to eliminate and prevent unlawful discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color,

national origin, religion, sex, age, and disability; housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability; and public accommodations on the basis of race, color, national origin, and religion. The vision of the Commission is to be well known with a positive image and a mission that is understood and accented by the public.

Who to Contact:

Human Affairs Commission
1026 Sumter Street, Suite 101
Columbia, SC 29201
Telephone: (803) 737-7800
TDD: (803) 253-4125
Toll Free: 1-800-521-0725 (SC Only)
Fax: (803) 253-9191
Website: <http://www.schac.sc.gov/>

Reemployment Rights – (USERRA)

Program Description and Services Provided: Protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services and applicants to the uniformed services.

Who to Contact:

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

ESGR, a Department of Defense program, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

ESGR informs and educates Service members and their civilian employers regarding their rights and responsibilities governed by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). ESGR does not have statutory authority to enforce, but serves as a neutral, free resource to employers and service members. ESGR's trained ombudsmen provide mediation of issues relating to compliance with USERRA.

ESGR Phone: 1-800-336-4590 or Website: <http://esgr.mil/>

or

U.S. Department of Labor– VETS (DOL – VETS)

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) protects service members' reemployment rights when returning from a period of service in the uniformed services, including those called up from the reserves or National Guard, and prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation. The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers USERRA.

U.S. Department of Labor– VETS

P.O. Box 1755

Columbia, South Carolina, 29201

Telephone: (803) 737-7650

Website: <https://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra>

Military OneSource

Program Description: Private help is provided to service members and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This help is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status). It is a virtual extension of installation services. Visit Military OneSource today at www.militaryonesource.com or call 1-800-342-9647.

South Carolina Commission for the Blind

Program Description: The South Carolina Commission for the Blind helps blind and visually impaired residents of our state gain independence and take advantage of opportunities for financial advancement. Working with a network of businesses, community and government partners, they provide training, job placement and business opportunities for thousands of South Carolinians each year. Offices are conveniently located throughout the state and referrals are taken for services from physicians, family members, community partners or potential clients and are provided free of charge.

Services Provided: The mission of The South Carolina Commission of the Blind is to provide quality individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services and prevention of blindness services to blind and visually impaired consumers leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence. Rehabilitation services, adjustment to blindness training, prevention of blindness, independent living services and various other services are provided to blind and severely visually impaired South Carolinians.

These services are made available with state and federal funding and there is no charge to consumers for services. Eligibility for most services is contingent on meeting the legal definition of blindness: having a central visual acuity of 20/200 in the better eye with best corrective lens or a visual field of 20 degrees or less. Individuals with a severe visual disability that will result in legal blindness also are eligible for services. Legal blindness must be verified by an acceptable eye examination.

Who to Contact:

South Carolina Commission of the Blind

1430 Confederate Avenue

Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Telephone: (803)898-8731 or Toll Free 1-800-922-2222

Website: www.sccb.state.sc.us

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs

Program Description: The mission of the SC Division of Veterans' Affairs is to be the advocate for the state's veterans in all matters that pertain to veterans. The SC Division of Veterans' Affairs assists all veterans, of all wars in which their service may have been rendered, in filing, presenting and prosecuting to final determination all claims which they have for money compensation, hospitalization, training and insurance benefits under the terms of federal legislation. These services are extended to eligible dependents, including parents, widows, children and orphans of veterans. The Office administers the Free Tuition Program for certain war Veterans' children. It also must provide administrative support for the Veterans' Trust Fund Board of Trustees. In addition, the Office is mandated to provide training for the forty six County Veterans' Affairs Officers.

Services Provided: The State of South Carolina offers special benefits for its military Service members and Veterans including Income Tax Exemption on Retirement Pay, Property Tax Exemptions, State Employment Preferences, Education and Tuition Assistance, Vehicle Tags, as well as Hunting and Fishing license privileges. Eligibility for some benefits may depend on residency, military component and Veteran disability status among other benefits.

Who to Contact:

Edgar A. Brown State Office Building
1205 Pendleton Street, Room 463
Columbia, South Carolina, 29201
Telephone: (803)734-0200
Website: <http://va.sc.gov/>

The listing of SC Department of Veterans Affairs local offices is in **Appendix A** of this publication.

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Program Description and Services Provided: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is devoted to improving the economic well-being and quality of life of South Carolinians by promoting State, National, and International tourism development of tourism/entertainment businesses, and conserving our unique community, cultural, and physical environments. They provide information to veterans, military personnel and their families concerning the leisure time recreation and travel opportunities available in the state.

Who to Contact:

South Carolina Department of Parks
Recreation and Tourism
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 734-0113
Website: www.scprt.com

Veterans Service Organization

Program Description and Services Provided: Veteran organizations such as the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Paralyzed Veterans of America, etc., provides a wide variety of services to veterans. Most of them maintain a full-time staff to assist veterans with preparation and presentation of claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Service Organizations in South Carolina - Who to Contact:

The American Legion

103 Legion Plaza Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
Telephone: (803) 612-1171
Website: www.scarolinalegion.org

American Veterans (AMVETS)

Columbia VA Regional Office
6437 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29209
Telephone: (803) 647-2421
Website: www.amvets.org

Disabled American Veterans

511 Violet Street
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169
Telephone: (803) 791-4422
Website: www.dav.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars

National Service Officer
210 Glassmaster Road
Lexington, South Carolina 29072
Telephone: (803) 808-0317
Service Officer: (803) 647-2442
Website: www.vfwsc.org

Paralyzed Veterans of America

Columbia VA Regional Office
6437 Garners Ferry Road, Room 1121
Columbia, South Columbia 29209
Telephone: (803) 647-2432
Website: www.pva.org

Purple Heart

Columbia VA Regional Office
6437 Garners Ferry Road, Room 1120
Columbia, South Carolina 29209
Telephone: (803) 647-2430
Website: www.purpleheart.org

U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs

Program Description: The Columbia Regional Office provides Compensation and Pension, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Educational and Burial benefits to eligible veterans, dependents, and survivors residing in the state of South Carolina. In November 2007, the Columbia Regional Office came on line with the first of eight National Call Centers. The Columbia Regional Office has out-based offices in Charleston and Greenville, SC. Approximately 421,000 veterans reside within the regional office jurisdiction.

Disability Compensation: Disability compensation is a monetary benefit paid to veterans who are disabled by an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service. These disabilities are considered to be service-connected. Disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of veteran's dependents, and is paid monthly. Veterans with certain severe disabilities may be eligible for additional special monthly compensation. The benefits are not subject to federal and state income tax. The payment of military retirement pay, disability severance pay and separation incentive payments known as SSB (Special Separation Benefits) and VSI (Voluntary Separation Incentives) affects the amount of VA compensation paid to disabled veterans.

To be eligible, the service of the veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. For additional details, visit www.vba.va.gov/bin/21.

Pension: Veterans with low incomes who are permanently and totally disabled, or are age 65 and older, may be eligible for monetary support if they have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a period of war. (Veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, or officers who entered active duty on or after October 16, 1981, may have to meet a longer minimum period of active duty.) The veteran's discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable and the disability must be for reasons other than the veteran's own willful misconduct. Payments are made to bring the veteran's total income, including other retirement or Social Security income, to a level set by Congress. Unreimbursed medical expenses may reduce countable income for VA purposes.

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment – VR&E

You may receive Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist Veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

The program provides services leading to employment or help for individuals to live more independently. These services include vocational counseling, training, career placement, and special rehabilitation services available to eligible active duty Service members, Veterans and dependents. Additional information and the application for this benefit can be found on VR&E's website, <http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/>.

Eligibility:

A Service member must:

1. Expect to receive an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge upon separation from active duty.
2. Have a VA memorandum (or preliminary) disability rating of 20% or greater.
3. Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) VetSuccess services.

A Veteran must:

1. Have an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge.
2. Have a VA service-connected disability rating of 10% or more.
3. Apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) VetSuccess services.

Entitlement: Veterans are eligible if they:

- Have received a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA
- Apply for VR&E services

Basic period of Eligibility:

The basic period of eligibility ends 12 years from the date of notification of one of the following:

- Date of separation from active military service, or
- Date the veteran was first notified by VA of a service-connected disability rating.

The basic period of eligibility may be extended if a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) determines that a Veteran has a Serious Employment Handicap.

Burial Benefits: Veterans discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and service members who die while on active duty as well as spouses and dependent children of veterans and active duty service members may be eligible for VA burial benefits. The veteran does not have to predecease a spouse or dependent child to be eligible.

With certain exceptions, active duty service beginning after September 7, 1980, as an enlisted person, and after October 16, 1981, as an officer, must be for a minimum of 24 consecutive months or the full period of active duty (as in the case of Reservist or National Guard members called to active duty for a limited duration.) Eligibility is not established by active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard.

Reservist and National Guard members, as well as their spouses and dependent children, are eligible if they were entitled to retired pay at the time of death, or would have been, if over age 60.

VA national cemetery directors verify eligibility for burial in their cemeteries. A copy of the veteran's discharge documents specifies the period(s) of active duty and character of discharge, along with the deceased's death certificate and proof of relationship to the veteran (for eligible family members) are all that are usually needed to determine eligibility.

Under Section 2411 of Title 38 of the United States Code, certain otherwise eligible individuals found to have committed federal or state crimes are barred from burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery and from receipt of government-furnished headstones, markers, burial flags, and Presidential Memorial Certificates.

Veterans with questions concerning compensation, pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment, or burial benefits should call 1-800-827-1000, visit the website at www.va.gov or write to:

US Department of Veteran Affairs
Regional Office
6437 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina, 29209

Education Benefits

Montgomery GI Bill Eligibility – VA education benefits may be used while the service member is on active duty or after the service member’s separation from active duty with a fully honorable military discharge. Discharges “under honorable conditions” and “general” discharges do not establish eligibility.

Eligibility generally expires 10 years after the service-member’s discharge. However, there are exceptions for disability, re-entering active duty, and upgraded discharges.

All participants must have a high school diploma, equivalency certificate, or have completed 12 hours toward a college degree before applying for benefits.

Types of Training Available: The following are types of training that are available:

1. Courses at colleges and universities leading to associates, bachelors, or graduate degrees, including accredited independent study offered through distance education.
2. Courses leading to a certificate or diploma from business, technical or vocational schools.
3. Apprenticeship or on-the-job training for those not on active duty, including self-employment training begun on or after June 16, 2004, for ownership or operation of a franchise.
4. Correspondence courses, under certain conditions.
5. Flight training, if the veteran holds a private pilot’s license upon beginning the training and meets the medical requirements.
6. State-approved teacher certification programs.
7. Preparatory courses necessary for admission to a college or graduate school.
8. License and certification tests approved for veterans.
9. Entrepreneurship training courses to create or expand small businesses.

10. Tuition assistance using MGI as “Top-Up” (active duty service members).

Readers with questions concerning the Montgomery GI Bill should call 1-800-442-4551, visit the website at www.gibill.va.gov or write to:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
1700 Clairmont Street
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4032

Post 9/11 GI Bill: The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with who have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty on September 10, 2001, or were honorably discharged from active duty with a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 10, 2001. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay tuition based upon the highest in-state tuition charged by a public educational institution in the state where the school is located. The amount of support that an individual may qualify for depends on where they live and what type of degree they are pursuing.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay eligible individuals:

- Tuition & fees directly to the school not to exceed the maximum in-state tuition & fees at a public Institution of Higher Learning.
- For more expensive tuition, a program known as the “Yellow Ribbon Program” exists which may help to reimburse the difference.
- A monthly housing allowance based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E5 with dependents as the location of the school.
- A books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 per.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill can be used at colleges, universities, trade schools, and for on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and flight schools. To see what programs are currently approved for VA benefits, go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/.

eBenefits: The President’s Commission of Care for America’s Returning Wounded Warriors (Dole/Shalala) established by Executive Order 13426 in March 2007 recommended the creation of a My eBenefits (a.k.a. eBenefits) web portal to provide the wounded, injured and ill service members/Veterans, their families and care providers a single sign-on, central access point to online benefits and related services.

The eBenefits portal is a one-stop shop for benefits-related online tools and information. The portal is designed for Wounded Warriors, Veterans, Service member, their families, and those who care for them.

eBenefits provides two main services. It is a catalog of links to information on other websites about military and Veteran benefits and it provides a personalized workspace called My eBenefits which gives quick access to all the online tools now integrated into eBenefits. These tools allow veterans to apply for benefits, download DD 214 forms, and see benefits status online. Service members, veterans, and family members can register for eBenefits, which affords access to the secure features in My eBenefits and allows the portal to be personalized to the user's needs. Veterans must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to create an account.

Veterans with questions concerning eBenefits should visit the website www.ebenefits.va.gov.

Home Loan Guaranties: VA home loan guaranties are issued to help eligible service members, veterans, reservists and unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes, condominiums, residential cooperative housing units, and manufactured homes, and to refinance loans.

Veterans with questions concerning home loan guaranties should visit the website at www.homeloans.va.gov or write to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Regional Loan Center
1700 Clairmont Street
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4032
Mail: P.O. Box 100023, Decatur, Georgia 30031-7023

Life Insurance: Veterans with questions concerning life insurance should call 1-800-669-8477 or visit the website at www.insurance.va.gov or write to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office and Insurance Center
Post Office Box 42954
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Specialists are available between the hours of 8:30am and 6pm, Eastern Time, to discuss premium payments, insurance dividends, address changes, policy loans, naming beneficiaries and reporting the death of the insured.

If the insurance policy number is not known, send whatever information is available, such as the veteran's file number, date of birth, Social Security number, military serial number or military service branch and dates of service.

My HealtheVet: My HealtheVet is the VA's award winning electronic health website, which offers veterans, active duty personnel, their dependents, and caregivers' internet access to VA health care information and services. Launched in 2003, My HealtheVet is a free, online Personal Health Record that empowers Veterans to become informed partners in their health care. With My HealtheVet, America's Veterans can access trusted, secure, and current health and benefits information as well as record and store important health and military history information at their convenience. Registering and using My Healthevet is easy and free.

With My HealtheVet, one can access:

- Nine (9) Healthy Living Centers
- Disease and Conditions Centers
- Mental Health Information
- Trusted Health/Medical Information
- Info on VA Benefits & Services
- Local VA Events & Activities
- Personal Health Journals
- Vitals Tracking & Graphing
- Military Health History
- Activity/Food Journals

Veterans with questions concerning My HealtheVet should visit the website at www.myhealth.va.gov.

VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS

VA Medical Centers – The VA provides complete medical care covering the full range of medical services for eligible veterans. Eligibility for VA health care is divided into two categories: mandatory and discretionary. VA must provide medical care to mandatory category veterans at the nearest VA facility capable of furnishing the care in a timely fashion. If no VA facility is available, care must be furnished in a Defense Department facility or another facility with which the VA has a sharing or contractual relationship. If space and resources at VA hospitals are available after caring for mandatory care patients, VA may then furnish care to veterans in the discretionary category, if they agree to pay VA for their care.

Veterans who must be provided hospital care and are not subject to an income eligibility assessment are: veterans with service connected disabilities, veterans who were exposed to herbicides while servicing in Vietnam, veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during atmospheric testing or in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, veterans for a condition related to service in the Persian Gulf, former prisoners of war, veterans on VA Pension, veterans of the Mexican Border period of World War I and veterans eligible for Medicaid. Outpatient medical treatment includes examination and related medical services, pharmacy services, rehabilitation services, and mental health services. As part of outpatient medical treatment, veterans may be eligible for home health services for the treatment of disabilities.

Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center

6439 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29209
Telephone: (803) 776-4000
Website: www.columbiasc.va.gov

Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center

109 Bee Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401
Telephone: (843) 577-5011
Website: www.charleston.va.gov

Nursing Home Care

Nursing care in VA or private nursing homes may be provided for veterans who are not acutely ill and not in need of hospital care. VA may, but it is not mandated to provide nursing home care if space and resources are available in VA facilities. Veterans who have a service connected disability are given first priority for nursing home care.

Domiciliary Care

Domiciliary care provides rehabilitative and long-term health maintenance care for veterans who require minimal medical care but, who do not need the skilled nursing services provided in nursing homes. VA provides domiciliary care to veterans whose annual income does not exceed the maximum annual rate of VA pension and to veterans the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines have no adequate means of support.

Vet Centers

Vet Centers across the country provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families. Vet Centers guide Veterans and their families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran returns from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential. For more information on Vet centers, log onto www.vetcenter.va.gov.

Vet Center Locations	
1710-A Richland Street Columbia, South Columbia 29201 Telephone: (803) 765-9944	3625 West Montague Avenue North Charleston, South Columbia 29418 Telephone: (843) 789-7000
3 Caledon Court, Suite B Greenville, South Carolina 29615 Telephone: (864) 271-2711	2024 Corporate Centre Drive, Suite 103 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577 Telephone: (843) 232-2441

U.S Small Business Administration

Program Description: The Small Business Administration office in Columbia provides assistance to veterans on starting, managing, and staying in business.

Services Provided: Services include pre business workshops, in depth management training and counseling through the Service Corps of Retired Executive (SCORE) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) management pamphlets, and small business loans.

Who to Contact:

U.S. Small Business Administration
1835 Assembly Street, Suite 1425
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 765-5377
Website: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/sc/columbia>

Small Business Development Center of South Carolina

These centers offer a variety of services and management training courses tailored to meet the needs of small and medium sized businesses. SBDC consultants at each site provide managerial and technical assistance to those wishing to start or expand a business, generally for free. They also analyze business operations, develop business strategies, and provide marketing and economic information. Experts in private industry and government are also available to assist in highly technical and specialized areas. To gain additional information or to find the nearest center, log on to www.scsbdc.com/loc.php.

U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Program Description and Services Provided: Provides rental assistance throughout the state to low and moderate income tenants. Also provides information on home buying programs, Federal mortgage insurance for home purchases and housing rehabilitation. Allows borrowers 62 years of age or older, to convert the equity in their homes into a monthly income or a line of credit.

Who to Contact:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Strom Thurmond Federal Building
1835 Assembly Street, 13th Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 253-3292
Website: www.hud.gov

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

Program Description and Services Provided: TAP consists of comprehensive three-day workshops at selected military installations nationwide. Professionally-trained workshop facilitators from the State Employment Services, military family support services, Department of Labor contractors, or VETS' staff present the workshops. Service members leaving the military with a service-connected disability are offered the Disabled Transition Assistance Program

(DTAP). DTAP includes the normal three-day TAP workshop plus additional hours of individual instruction to help determine job readiness and address the special needs of disabled veterans.

In accordance with Public Law, TAP services shall be made available to all eligible Service members and their spouses, commencing 12 months prior to anticipated separation or 24 months prior to anticipated retirement. Separating service members should attend 90 days prior to separation. In the event there are 90 or fewer days before the un-anticipated retirement or separation of a service member, participation in TAP services shall begin as soon as possible within the remaining period of service. Similar to their Active Duty counterparts, Reserve Component members deactivated after more than 180 consecutive days must also complete mandated TAP requirements unless otherwise exempted.

Who to Contact: The TAP manager at the following installations:

USATC & Fort Jackson
ATTN: IMSE-JAC-HR
4600 Strom Thurmond Boulevard
Fort Jackson, South Carolina 29207
Telephone: (803) 751-4109

Family Readiness Center
20th MSSQ/MSF
524 Stuart Avenue
Shaw AFB, South Carolina, 29152
Telephone: (803) 895-1252/1253

Charleston Air Force Base
104 E. Simpson Street, Bldg. 500
Charleston AFB, South Carolina 29404
Telephone: (843) 963-5187

Naval Weapons Station
Family Support Center
1005 Jefferson Avenue, Bldg. 755
Goose Creek, South Carolina 29445
Telephone: (843) 794-7486

Marine Corps Recruit Depot
Commanding General
MCRD ERR, Bldg. 923
P.O. Box 5100
Parris Island, South Carolina 29905
Telephone: (843) 228-4574

Marine Corps Air Station
Commanding Officer
Family Service Center
807 Hoffecker Avenue
Career Resource Management Center
Bldg. 807
Beaufort, South Carolina 29904
Telephone: (843) 228-7701

MISCELLANEOUS

Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom in South Carolina

Special Provisions for OEF/OIF Combat: The OEF/OIF Program offers assistance with access to health care and benefits through outreach, case management and advocacy services. Priority is given to all veterans who have served in a combat theater since November 11, 1998, and are transitioning to civilian life. <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

Who to Contact:

Dorn VA Medical Center OEF/OIF Team: (803) 776-4000
Program Manager: ext. 7243
RN Case Manager: ext. 6178
SW Case Managers: ext. 6472, 6140
Transition Patient Advocate: ext. 6168
Program Support Assistant: ext. 7303

SC State Job Preference for Veterans

According to the Federal Law, Title 38 and the South Carolina Code 1-37, Veterans seeking public employment should have preference over non-veterans.

Who to Contact: For information call the South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs at (803) 734-0200 or contact your local American Job Center (AJC) of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce in your area. (AJC list is found in Appendix B).

Workers' Compensation Commission

An employee may expect workers' compensation for personal injury or death by accident arising out of and in the course of his or her employment. Workers' compensation pays for necessary medical treatment, loss of wages during a period of disability, and compensation for permanent disability or disfigurement.

Who to Contact –

Worker's Compensation of S.C
1311 Main Street #500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Telephone: (803) 737-5700
Website: www.wcc.sc.gov

APPENDIX - A

SC Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

ABBEVILLE

901 West Greenwood Street, Suite 1600
Abbeville, South Carolina 29620
Telephone: (864) 366-2608
Fax: (864) 366-2625

ALLENDALE

184 Barnwell Highway
P.O. Box 521
Allendale, South Carolina 29810
Telephone: (803) 584-4226
Fax: (803) 584-2212
Email: allendalecoun213@bellsouth.net

BAMBERG

847 Calhoun Street, Suite 8
P.O. Box 416
Bamberg, South Carolina 29003
Telephone: (803) 245-3266
Fax: (803) 245-2494
E-mail: bambergvao@aol.com

BEAUFORT

1911 Boundary Street
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1228
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901
Telephone: (843) 255-6880
Fax: (843) 255-9445
Website:
www.bcgov.net/departments/community-services/veterans-affairs/

AIKEN

1930 University Parkway, Suite 2305
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
Telephone: (803) 642-1545
Fax: (803) 642-1592

ANDERSON

2404 North Main Street
Anderson, South Carolina 29621
Telephone: (864) 260-4036
Fax: (864) 260-4093
Website: www.andersoncountysc.org/departments/veterans/affairs

BARNWELL

34 Pechman Street
Barnwell, South Carolina 29812
Telephone: (803)541-1057
Fax: (803) 541-3685
Website:
www.barnwellcountysc.us/barnwell-department-directory/veterans/
Email: VABarnwell@ATT.net

BERKLEY

303 North Goose Creek Blvd
Goose Creek, South Carolina 29445
Mailing address: P.O. Box 6122
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461
Telephone: (843) 377-8506 or (843) 719-4023
Fax: (843) 377-8509
Website:
www.berkeleycountysc.gov/drupal/veterans

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

CALHOUN

P.O. Box 405
St. Matthews, South Carolina 29135
Telephone: (803) 874-3816
Fax: (803) 874-1278

CHEROKEE

110 Railroad Avenue
Gaffney, South Carolina 29340
Telephone: (864) 487-2579
Fax: (864) 487-6209
Website:
www.cherokeecountysc.gov/government-services/veterans-affairs

CHESTERFIELD

105 North Page Street
Chesterfield, South Carolina 29709
Telephone: (843) 623-2482
Fax: (843) 623-7349
Website: www.chesterfieldcountysc.com/VeteransAffairs

COLLETON

219 S. Lemacks Street
P.O. Box 637
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488
Telephone: (843) 549-1412
Fax: (843) 549-0132
Website: www.colletoncounty.org/veterans-affairs-office

DILLON

City-County Complex Bldg., Room 302
401 W. Main Street
P.O. Box 493
Dillon, South Carolina 29536
Telephone: (843) 774-1427
Fax: (843) 774-1428
Website:
<http://dilloncounty.sc.gov/Departments/VeteransAffairs/Pages/default.aspx>

CHARLESTON

4045 Bridge View Drive
North Charleston, South Carolina 29405
Telephone: (843) 974-6360
Fax: (843) 745-2354
Website:
www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/veterans-affairs/index.php

CHESTER

154 Main Street
Memorial Building
P.O. Drawer 580
Chester, South Carolina, 29706
Telephone: (803) 385-6157
Fax: (855) 946-0426
Website:
www.chestercounty.org/government/veterans-affairs.aspx

CLARENDON

411 Sunset Drive
P.O. Drawer 548
Manning, South Carolina 29102
Telephone: (803) 435-2527
Fax: (803)433-0413 or (803) 435-8285

DARLINGTON

1 Public Square, Room 310
Darlington County Courthouse
Darlington, South Carolina 29532
Telephone: (843) 398-4130
Fax: (843) 395-8570
Website:
www.darcosc.com/departments/veterans_affairs/index.php

DORCHESTER

500 North Main Street, Suite 11
Summerville, South Carolina 29483
Telephone: (843) 832-0050
Fax: (843) 832-0000
Also
201 Johnston Avenue
St. George, South Carolina 29477
Telephone: (843) 563-0116
Website: www.dorchestercounty.net/index.aspx?page=93

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

EDGEFIELD

304 Gray Street
Edgefield, South Carolina 29824
Telephone: (803) 637-4012
Fax: (803) 637-4013

FLORENCE

600 Senior Way
Florence, South Carolina 29505
Telephone: (843) 665-3045
Fax: (843) 676-8682

GREENWOOD

106 Main Street North
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646
Telephone: (864) 942-8531
Fax: (864) 943-2642
Website:
www.greenwoodsc.gov/countywebsite/index.aspx?page=15

HORRY

2830 Oak Street
P.O. Box 1236
Conway, South Carolina 29526
Telephone: (843) 915-5480
Fax: (843) 915-6480
Website:
www.horrycounty.org/Departments/VeteransAffairs.aspx

KERSHAW

Kershaw County Government Center
515 Walnut Street, Room 150
Camden, South Carolina 29020
Telephone: (803) 425-1521
Fax: (803) 424-4020
Website: www.kershaw.sc.gov/Index.aspx?page=250

LAURENS

200 Public Square
P.O. Box 193
Laurens, South Carolina 29360
Telephone: (864) 984-4041
Fax: (864) 984-7589

FAIRFIELD

96 US Hwy 321 South
P.O. Box 456
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
Telephone: (803) 635-4131
Fax: (803) 815-0585
Website: www.fairfieldsc.com/secondary.aspx?pageID=177

GEORGETOWN

537 Lafayette Circle
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440
Telephone: (843) 545-3330
Fax: (843) 544-3312
Website: www.georgetowncountysc.org/Veterans/

GREENVILLE

301 University Ridge, Suite 5900
Greenville, South Carolina 29601
Telephone: (864) 467-7230
Fax: (864) 467-7677
Website: www.greenvillecounty.org/Veteran_Affairs/

HAMPTON

B.T. DeLoache Building
201 Jackson Ave West
Hampton, South Carolina 29924
Telephone: (803) 914-2085
Fax: (803) 914-2089
Website: www.hamptoncountysc.org/index.aspx?NID=31

JASPER

651 Grays Hwy
P.O. Box 1536
Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936
Telephone: (843) 726-7727
Fax: (843) 726-7617
Website:
www.jaspercountysc.org/secondary.aspx?pageID=61

LANCASTER

1033 West Meeting Street
P.O. Box 1809
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720
Telephone: (803) 283-8469
Fax: (803) 416-9497
Website: <http://www.mylancastersc.org/>

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

LEXINGTON

605 West Main Street, Suite 101
Lexington, South Carolina 29072
Telephone: (803) 785-8400
Fax: (803) 785-0115
Website: www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/DeptRZ/va/Pages/index.aspx

MARLBORO

D.D. McColl House
300 West Main Street
P.O. Box 401
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512
Telephone: (843) 479-5622
Fax: (843) 479-5634
E-mail: vetaffairs@bellsouth.net

NEWBERRY

1856 Wilson Road
P.O. Box 217
Newberry, South Carolina 29108
Telephone: (803) 321-2161
Fax: (803) 321-2162
Website: www.newberrycounty.net/departments/veterans-affairs

ORANGEBURG

1437 Amelia Street, Room 203
P.O. Box 9000
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29116-9000
Telephone: (803) 533-6156
Fax: (803) 533-6190
Website: www.orangeburgcounty.org/depts/vetAffairs/vetAffairs.html

RICHLAND

1701 Main Street, Suite 409
P.O. Box 192
Columbia, South Carolina 29202
Telephone: (803) 576-1908
Fax: (803) 576-1923
Website: www.rcgov.us/Government/Departments/Legislative.aspx

LEE

129 West Cedar Lane
P.O. Box 461
Bishopville, South Carolina 29010
Telephone: (803) 484-5129
Fax: (803) 483-0577

MARION

2523 East Hwy 76
P.O. Box 519
Marion, South Carolina 29571
Telephone: (843) 423-8255
Fax: (843) 431-5419
Website: www.marionsc.org/veteransaffairs

MCCORMICK

610 South Mine Street
P.O. Box 276
McCormick, South Carolina 29835
Telephone: (864) 852-2212
Fax: (864)852-2210
E-mail: info@mccormickcountysc.org

OCONEE

223-C Kenneth Street Walhalla, South Carolina 29691 Mailing:
415 South Pine Street Walhalla, South Carolina 29691 Telephone: (864) 638-4231 Fax: (864) 638-6905

PICKENS

222 McDaniel Avenue, B13
Pickens, South Carolina 29671
Telephone: (864) 898-5926
Fax: (864) 898-5927
Website: www.co.pickens.sc.us/VA/default.aspx

South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs County Service Offices

SALUDA

108 South Rudolph Street
Saluda, South Carolina 29138
Telephone: (864) 445-4500 Ext. 2268
Fax: (864) 445-2808
E-mail: veterans.saluda@saludacounty.sc.gov

SUMTER

14 Law Range
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Mailing Address
141 North Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150
Telephone: (803) 436-2302/2303
Fax: (803) 436-2408
Website: www.sumtercountysc.org/?q=department/veterans-affairs-0

WILLIAMSBURG

147 West Main Street
P.O. Box 565
Kingstree, South Carolina 29556
Telephone: (843) 355-9321 6301/6302
Fax: (843) 355-1583
Website: www.williamsburgcounty.sc.gov/index.aspx?page=92

York

529 South Cherry Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732-3412
Telephone: (803) 909-7525
Fax: (803) 909-7533
Also
13 South Congress Street
York, South Carolina 29745
Telephone: (803) 684-8529
Fax: (803) 864-8531
Website: www.yorkcountygov.com/VeteranAffairs

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Division of Veteran's Affairs
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 463
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Website: <http://va.sc.gov/>

SPARTANBURG

610 Chesnee Hwy
Beaumont Plaza
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303
Telephone: (864) 596-2553
Fax: (864) 596-2971
E-mail: vets@spartanburgcounty.org
Website: <http://www.spartanburgcounty.org/164/Veterans-Affairs>

UNION

320 East Main Street
Union, South Carolina 29379
Telephone: (864) 429-1605
Fax: (864) 429-1604
E-mail: veterans@unioncounty.com

APPENDIX - B

South Carolina Department of Employment Workforce Centers & Satellite Offices

South Carolina Employment Workforce Centers https://dew.sc.gov/about-dew/locations	
Abbeville 143 Highway 72W Abbeville, SC 29620 (864) 446-8324	Aiken 1571 Richland Ave East Aiken, SC 29801 (803) 641-1065
Allendale 398 Barnwell Highway Allendale, SC 29810 (803) 702-2020	Anderson 512 Michelin Blvd. Anderson, SC 29625 (864) 260-6780
Barnwell 248 Wall Street Barnwell, SC 29812 (803) 450-1000	Beaufort 164 Castle Rock Road Beaufort, SC 29906 (843) 524-3351
Berkeley 100 S. Highway 52 Moncks Corner, SC 29461 (843) 761-4400	Charleston 1930 Hanahan Road, Suite 200 North Charleston, SC 29406 (843) 574-1800
Cherokee 133 Wilmac Road Gaffney, SC 29341 (864) 489-3112	Chester 764 Wilson Street Chester, SC 29706 (803) 377-8147
Clarendon 215 N. Brooks Street Manning, SC 29102 (803) 435-8633	Colleton 1085 Thunderbolt Drive Walterboro, SC 29488 (843) 538-1613
Clemson Center 1376 Tiger Blvd., Suite 102 Clemson, SC 29631 (864) 643-0071	Darlington 437 W. Carolina Avenue Bldg. 1, 2 nd Floor P.O. Box 1170 Hartsville, SC 29551 (843) 309-9817
Dillon 2204 Highway 301 South Dillon, SC 29536 (843) 921-1486 or (843) 774-1420	Dorchester 1325-A Boon Hill Road Summerville, SC 29483

South Carolina Employment Workforce Centers

<https://dew.sc.gov/about-dew/locations>

Fairfield 96 US Hwy 321 Bypass Winnsboro, SC 29180 (803) 815-0628	Florence 1558 West Evans Street Florence, SC 29501 (843) 669-4271
Georgetown 2704 Highmarket Street P.O. Box 956 Georgetown, SC 29440 (843) 546-8581	Greenville 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Suite E-1 Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 467-8080
Greenwood 927 East Cambridge Street P.O. Box 1427 Greenwood, SC 29646 (864) 229-8872	Hampton H. Mungin Center 54 Tech Circle Varnville, SC 29944 (843) 694-7024
Horry 200A Victory Lane Conway, SC 29526 (843) 324-9675	Kershaw 1111 Broad Street Camden, SC 29020 (803) 432-5153
Lee County Lee County Library 200 N. Main Street Bishopville, SC 29010 (803) 484-5921	Lancaster 705 N. White Street Lancaster, SC 29721 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1779 Lancaster, SC 29720 (803) 285-6966
Laurens 1017 West Main Street Laurens, SC 29325 (864) 681-1605 Ext. 3	Lexington 671 W. Main Street West Columbia, SC 29170 (803) 755-9199
Marion 2413 East Hwy 76 Marion, SC 29571 (843) 765-3123	Marlboro 460 Highway 9 West Bennettsville, SC 29512 (843) 479-4081
Newberry 833 Main Street Newberry, SC 29108 (803) 276-2110	Oconee 100 Vocational Drive Seneca, SC 29672 (864) 646-1741

South Carolina Employment Workforce Centers
<https://dew.sc.gov/about-dew/locations>

<p>Orangeburg 1804 Joe S. Jeffords Highway P.O. Box 1533 Orangeburg, SC 29116 (803) 534-3336</p>	<p>Pickens 1774 Powdersville Road Easley, SC 29642 (864) 220-8990</p>
<p>Richland 700 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29202 (803) 737-5627</p>	<p>Saluda 407 W. Butler Ave Saluda, SC 29138 (864) 445-2047</p>
<p>Spartanburg 220 East Kennedy Street Spartanburg, SC 29302 (864) 764-1966</p>	<p>Spartanburg Center (DEW employment services only) 364 South Church Street Spartanburg, SC 29302 (864)573-7231</p>
<p>Sumter 31 E. Calhoun Street Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 774-1300</p>	<p>Union 103 West Main Street Union, SC 29379 (864) 427-4119</p>
<p>Williamsburg 530 Martin Luther King Avenue Kingstree, SC 29556 (843) 354-7436</p>	<p>York 454 South Anderson Road BTC 505, Suite 22 Rock Hill, SC 29731 (803) 328-3881</p>

A QUICK CHECKLIST OF THINGS YOU WILL WANT TO DO WHEN LEAVING THE SERVICE

1. Attend a TAP class.
2. Go to Veteran's Affairs, or the Courthouse, and record a copy of your DD 214 form.
3. Visit the local workforce center. <https://www.dew.sc.gov/about-dew/locations>
4. File for unemployment.
5. If you were injured or have an ongoing ailment while on active duty, register and file a claim with Veteran's Affairs.
6. Need financial planning classes (how to handle mortgages and rent) see the Urban League, telephone: (803) 799-8150.
7. Register with the VA Health Care system call: (803) 779-4000, ext. 7196
8. South Carolina bar referral service (1-800-868-2284). Free legal services (divorce/child support/etc.).
9. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA – this is for veterans that are called to serve while in the workforce and have difficulty being re-employed in their jobs. Call: U.S. DOL VETS (803) 737-7650 or ESGR (803) 299-2515.
10. State Vocational Rehabilitation for disabilities that are not service connected.



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