

Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (PCPG)

Helping you reach your education and career goals



What is PCPG?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is here to support you as you face education and career decisions or transition from military to civilian life.

The Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (PCPG) program is a critical VA benefit that provides career counseling, assessment, education planning and guidance resources unique to your needs, and can help you set and achieve personal, career and education goals. It provides you with one-on-one support whenever you need it – putting you in the driver's seat of your education or career plan.

How can PCPG help you?

Counselors can provide tailored career planning and guidance to include:

- **Career choice assistance** to understand the best career options based on your interests and skills.
- **Education/career counseling** and a tailored training, education or employment plan.
- **Academic and adjustment counseling** to help you find solutions and ways to overcome any obstacles to your success.
- **Benefits coaching** to help you use other VA benefits and resources effectively, including your VA education benefits.
- Assistance with resume writing, interview skills, and more!

When should you access PCPG?

Consider using PCPG when:

- Considering job or career options or going through employment changes
- Facing obstacles in accessing education and employment opportunities
- Ensuring your education benefits are used in the best way possible
- Interested in, or currently pursuing, higher education
- Transitioning from military to civilian life

You may benefit from using PCPG benefits more than once when making important education and career choices. Follow up sessions are available for as long as you remain eligible for the benefit.

Eligible participants can get support in a variety of ways – through in-person counseling or remotely by use of tele-counseling.

Who is Eligible for PCPG?



Transitioning Service members six months prior to separation



Veterans who have transitioned from active duty service in the last year



Any Veterans or beneficiaries eligible to utilize a VA educational benefit

How can you access PCPG resources?

APPLY ONLINE – Visit [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov) to complete and submit your application.

APPLY BY MAIL – Fill out the application located at <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-25-8832-ARE.pdf> and mail it to your local VA Regional Office.

APPLY IN PERSON at your local VA Regional Office or by visiting a VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) office.

A representative will contact you once your application is received and you will be assigned a time to meet with a counselor.

How can you find out more?

For more information about the PCPG program or to access the eligibility wizard, hover your phone's camera over the QR code:



Or visit: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/>