VSAT Installation Course Fee Reimbursement

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Institution of Higher Learning (IHL), has approved the Global VSAT Forum (GVF) VSAT Installation & Maintenance Certification Program for reimbursement of registration fees to eligible students. Veterans and active duty members of the United States armed forces may be eligible for this program provided by the VA.

The VA may reimburse students for completing the GVF VSAT Certification Testing Program after receiving a request within one year of completing the certification tests. Students may be eligible if they qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006), the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006), Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), or Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA). For general information about this VA program, visit www.GIBILL.va.gov and refer to VA Pamphlet 22-02-1 dated December 2005.

For specific information on GVF certification, please see
http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do

For general information, please visit
www.GIBILL.va.gov

Which Courses Are Included?

Specific information about the Veteran's Administration offering reimbursement for the GVF Advanced VSAT Installer's Certification can be found at:

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By choosing to search by country, entering "USA," typing "GVF" into the L&C Name Field, selecting "Certification" in the LAC Category drop down menu, and pressing "Submit," the GVF Advanced VSAT Certification courses/tests that are approved for this program will be shown as well as the VA approved cost for each exam.

The approved courses/tests are:

➢ GVF510 Exam -Core Skills for VSAT Installers
➢ GVF520 Exam -SatCom Fundamentals
➢ GVF521 Exam -Practical Techniques for VSAT Installers
➢ GVF-HOST-1 - Hands on Skills Test

Global VSAT Forum
The association of the global VSAT industry.
www.gvf.org

SatProf, Inc.
Animated, interactive, technically-accurate on-line training for satellite professionals.
www.satprof.com

GVF Certification

GVF's award-winning VSAT Installation Certification training program is delivered via a combination of online, interactive, simulator-driven training modules developed by SatProf, Inc. (www.satprof.com) and formal hands-on skills testing, all managed through the GVF training portal at http://gvf.coursehost.com. Hands-on skills testing and supplementary classroom sessions are supported by GVF Instructors and Regional Training Centers located in every major region of the world.

Checklist for Requesting Licensing & Certification Test Reimbursement

To apply for test reimbursement, send us a signed and dated request with the following information:

- ❑ Your Full Name
- ❑ Your Mailing Address
- ❑ Your Home Phone Number (with area code)
- ❑ Your Social Security Number
- ❑ Your VA File Number (if different from your Social Security Number)
- ❑ Have you applied for VA benefits before?   If no, please complete an application for education benefits and send with this request for reimbursement.
- ❑ Name of Test
- ❑ Date Test Taken
- ❑ Cost of Test (*NOTE: We can't reimburse you for registration fees, preparation guides, processing fees, etc.*)
- ❑ A copy of your test results or a copy of your license or certification
- ❑ Name & Address of Organization Issuing License
- ❑ Statement: "I hereby authorize the release of my test information to the Department of Veterans Affairs"
- ❑ Your Signature and Date Signed

Note: We can't process your claim without your signature.
Send this information for each test you take.

Eligible GVF Courses:
GVF510 Exam: Core Skills for VSAT Installers
GVF520 Exam: Satcom Fundamentals
GVF521 Exam: Practical Technique for VSAT Installers
GVF-HOST-1: Hands-On Skills Test

For more information please visit:
www.gvf.org

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Pays the Costs of a License or Certification Test

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Having a license or certification can open doors for you in today's workplace. Many professions require a license or certification. A license or certification may also be required for jobs that are subject to State or other government regulations. Licensing and/or certification may play a key role in advancing your career in jobs such as a mechanic, medical technician, therapist, computer network engineer, web site developer, and others. By certification, we mean the certification you get by taking a specific test for a field of employment, not a certificate you receive for completing training.

If you're eligible, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can reimburse you for taking a license or certification test. The test must be approved for VA purposes. Generally we must receive your request within on year of when you took the test. For more information about these programs, visit our Internet site: www.GIBILL.va.gov

You may receive reimbursement for approved licensing and certification tests if you qualify for:
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), or
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006)
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006)
- Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), or
- Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)

What Do I Have To Do?

Step 1   Apply for education benefits. If you've previously applied for education benefits, you don't need to apply again. Go to step 2.
If you've never applied before, you can complete and submit your application on-line. Just go to **www.GIBILL.va.gov** and click on Electronic Application Form.

Step 2   Apply for reimbursement. See the next section below.

How Do I Apply For Reimbursement?

To apply for test reimbursement, send us a signed and dated request with the following information. A checklist is provided on the back of this pamphlet. You must give this information for each test taken.
- Your name, address and Social Security number or VA claim number
- The name of the test you took and the date you took it
- A copy of each test results for each test taken, whether or not you passed it
- The name and address of the **organization issuing the license or certificate** (not necessarily the organization that administered the test)
- The cost of each test.

NOTE: We can't reimburse you for registration fees, preparation guides, processing fees, etc.
- This statement: "I authorize release of my test information to VA."
- Your signature and date signed.

Regardless of whether you use the checklist provided or send us a statement, you should attach a copy of your test results or a copy of your license or certification if you have them.

How Do I Find Which Tests Are Approved?

To find out which tests are approved, visit our Internet site:
www.GIBILL.va.gov/Education/LCweb/search.asp

If you can't find your test, you should still apply for education benefits. Your test may be approved but not appear on the list.

How Much Can I Receive?

You can receive reimbursement of up to $2,000 per test but not more than the VA approved cost of the test. You may receive benefits to *retake* a test you didn't pass. You may receive benefits to retake a test you passed if the test is required for recertification or to allow you to retain a license you already have.

You must be eligible for benefits in order to receive test reimbursement. Your total months of benefits will be reduced each time you receive reimbursement for a licensing or certification test.

Who Can I Contact if I Have Questions?

If you have questions about licensing and certification reimbursement, or applying for benefits, you can
- Go to our Internet site: **www.GIBILL.va.gov**, and click on "Ask a Question and Find Answers"
- Call us at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), or for the hearing-impaired call 1-800-829-4833.