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Veterans and Military Services

Using Your Benefits at UCSB

How do I get started with my benefits?

- If this is your **first time applying** for a benefit with the VA, you will need to apply online at www.vets.gov. After you've applied, the VA will mail you a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** within 30-45 business days.

I've received my COE; what are my next steps?

- You'll need to turn in your COE and a **Veterans Benefit Request Form (VBRF)**. The VBRF can be found on the VMS website. Please email these forms to VeteransBenefits@sa.ucsb.edu.

Do I need to submit a VBRF every quarter?

- You must submit a new VBRF **any time you register for classes, or make a change to your class schedule.**

Is there a deadline to submit the VBRF?

- No, but it is recommended that you submit your VBRF **as soon as you register for the following term.**

What is the CalVet Fee Waiver, and how do I apply?

- The CalVet waiver is for dependents of veterans who are California residents. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/pages/college-fee-waiver.aspx>

I have my CalVet authorization letter; what are my next steps?

- Email a copy of your letter to VeteransBenefits@sa.ucsb.edu. If you are using any other benefit along with the CalVet waiver, you'll need to turn in a VBRF as well.

Do I need to reapply for the CalVet Waiver each academic year?

- You must reapply **every academic year** you wish to use the waiver.



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