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New Mexico State Veteran's Benefits

The state of New Mexico provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

- Housing Benefits
- Financial Assistance Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

New Mexico Veteran Housing Programs

Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services

Through the New Mexico Veterans Integration Center (NMVIC) in Albuquerque, DVS provides transition services for homeless and at risk NM veterans.

The NMVIC facility at 13032 Central Ave SE provides housing, meal service and a continuum of support services designed to assist homeless veterans to self-sufficiency.

Contact them at:

Office (505)265-0512

Residential: (505)275-8200 Ext.118

Email: info@nmvic.org

[Learn more about Homeless and At Risk Veteran Services](#)

New Mexico Financial Assistance Benefits

Veterans' Tax Exemption

Any veteran who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces and served 90 or more days of active duty and has established legal residency in New Mexico, qualifies for the New Mexico Veterans' Tax Exemption.

Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption

Any veteran who has been approved for 100 percent service-connected disability compensation benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is eligible for a complete property tax waiver on their primary residence.

Visit the [New Mexico Department of Veterans Services](#) website for contact information and benefits assistance.

New Mexico Education Benefits

In-State Tuition for Veterans and Dependents of Active Duty (including Title 10 Reserve and Guard) Members

All honorably discharged veterans using a federal education benefit and dependents of Active Duty, Guard and Reserve (title 10) Servicemembers--regardless of where they live--qualify as residents and therefore pay reduced 'resident' or in-state tuition rates and fees at all state operated institutions of higher learning in New Mexico. This eliminates the waiting period needed to qualify as a resident of the state.

Call the NMDVS office at (866) 433-8387 for more details.

Vietnam Veteran Scholarship

Veterans who have been residents of New Mexico for a minimum of 10 years, served in Vietnam, and were issued the Vietnam Campaign or Service Medal are eligible. The Vietnam Veteran Scholarship will pay full tuition and books at any state funded post-secondary school.

World War II and Korean Veterans High School Diploma

Any WWII or Korean War veteran who joined the Armed Forces while attending a New Mexico high school prior to graduation is eligible for a high school diploma.

Veterans Education and Training Services

The State Approval Office is responsible for evaluating and approving education and job training programs under U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, GI Bill regulations.

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Other New Mexico State Veteran Benefits

Children of Deceased Veterans

Children between the ages of 16-26 whose veteran parent was killed in action or died as a result of their wounds incurred in battle, qualify for a full tuition waiver at any state funded post-secondary school. A \$150 stipend, per semester, will be issued to help with books or fees.

Disabled Veterans Hunting and Fishing License

Any veteran rated 100 percent service-connected disabled, qualifies for a free lifetime small game hunting and fishing license in the State of New Mexico.

Veterans' License Plates

Any veteran who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the U.S. is eligible for a New Mexico license plate. A fee and registration is required for some plates.

- Armed Forces Plate
- Purple Heart
- 100% Disabled Veteran
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- Purple Heart
- Ex-POW
- Medal of Honor

The Patriot Plate

Enabled by 2006 legislation, the Patriot Plate is a special license plate that provides the public with an opportunity to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Veterans' Military Honors

Coordinates with military and local veteran organizations to provide an honor guard and bugler for military honors funerals for deceased veterans.

Veteran Transportation Service

Provides statewide transportation for veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and its satellite clinics for scheduled appointments. DVS contracts with DAV.

Native American Outreach Services

Coordinates outreach and training programs for tribal members statewide to provide information and assistance for Native veterans.

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