



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (Chapter 36)

What is Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (PCPG)?

Personalized Career Planning and Guidance (PCPG) is a VA benefit that supports education and career decisions. PCPG was previously known as Chapter 36 Educational and Career Counseling.

Who is Eligible for PCPG?

- Service members six months prior to separation
- Veterans who have transitioned from active-duty service in the last year
- Veterans or beneficiaries eligible to use a VA educational benefit

What benefits does PCPG provide?

- Services targeted to the needs of each participant
- Assistance identifying areas for education and career development
- Action plans to achieve personal goals
- Skills assessments
- Counseling to overcome potential obstacles to success

How to Apply:

There are several ways to apply for the PCPG program:

- 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-28-8832-ARE.pdf> and mail it to: VBA Claims Intake Center, P.O. Box 5210, Janesville WI 53547-5210
- APPLY IN PERSON at your local VA Regional Office or by visiting a VetSuccess On Campus (VSOC) office:
 - Find a VA Regional Office at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp>
 - Find a VSOC office at: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp>
- For more information on PCPG, please visit: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/>