



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Grants

Can a Veteran receive financial assistance from VA to purchase an automobile?

Yes. Veteran or Service members with certain disabilities can receive a grant to purchase a new or used vehicle. These disabilities must be the result of an injury or disease acquired or worsened during active military service. This grant may also be paid if disabilities are a result of the following provided by VA:

- Medical treatment
- Examination
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Compensated work therapy

The grant is paid directly to the seller for the total price (up to \$20,577.18) of the vehicle. A Veteran or Service member may only receive the automobile grant once in his or her lifetime.

Which Disabilities Qualify You for the Automobile Grant?

A Veteran or Service member must have one of the following disabilities to qualify for the automobile grant:

- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet
- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both hands
- Permanent vision impairment in both eyes to a certain degree
- Severe burn injury
- Diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

Does VA Pay to Adapt a Vehicle?

Yes. Those who qualify for the automobile grant may also qualify for the adaptive equipment grant. Veterans and Service members with ankylosis (immobility of the joint) of one or both hips resulting from an injury or disease acquired or worsened by active military service may also qualify.

Adaptive equipment includes, but is not limited to:

- Power steering
- Power windows
- Power seats
- Special equipment needed to assist the recipient into and out of the vehicle

Contact your local VA medical center's Prosthetic Department BEFORE purchasing any equipment.

The adaptive equipment grant may be paid more than once. It can be paid to either the seller or the Veteran.

How Can I Apply for an Automobile or Special Adaptive Equipment Grant?

Apply for the automobile or special adaptive equipment grant by following these steps:

- Complete Section I of VA Form VA Form 21-4502, "Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment" located at:

<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-4502-ARE.pdf>.

- Submit the form to this address:
- Department of Veterans Affairs

Claims Intake Center

PO Box 4444

Janesville, WI 53547-4444

Or, you can fax it to:

(844) 531-7818 (inside the U.S.)

(248) 524-4260 (outside the U.S.)

- VA will determine your eligibility.
- If you are eligible, VA will complete Section II and return the form to you.
- If VA determines you are eligible, read the instructions on VA Form 21-4502 for a list of adaptive equipment preapproved for particular disabilities.
- Purchase a vehicle. Once you receive the vehicle and adaptive equipment from the seller, fill out Section III.
- Submit the form and any additional invoices for payment to the Claims Intake Center address above.

If you are only entitled to adaptive equipment, you should complete VA Form 10-1394, “Application for Adaptive Equipment — Motor Vehicle” located at:

<https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-1394-fill.pdf>. Submit the completed form to your local VA medical center. You can locate your nearest medical facility at <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/division.asp?dnum=1>.