

# VA Travel Pay Reimbursement

**VA Travel Pay Reimbursement** pays eligible veterans and caregivers for mileage and other travel expenses to and from approved health care appointments.

## **For a Veteran to be eligible at least 1 of the following must be true:**

- Have a VA disability rating of 30% or higher
- Traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition, even if VA disability rating is less than 30%
- Receiving VA pension
- Income below the maximum annual VA pension rate
- Veteran can't afford to pay for travel, as defined by VA guidelines
- Travel for one of the following reasons: A scheduled VA C&P, exam, to get a service dog, or for VA-approved transplant care

## **For a Caregiver to be eligible at least 1 of the following must be true:**

- The person is the veteran's family caregiver under the National Caregiver Program traveling to receive caregiver training or to support the veteran's care
- The person is the veteran's medically required attendant traveling with them to support their care
- The person is the veteran's transplant care donor or support person

## **Approved healthcare appointments include:**

**VA health facility:** VA will reimburse those eligible for travel from the **closest** VA health facility that can provide the require care to their home. If the veteran's VA health care provider determines that they need to travel to another VA facility for care, VA will reimburse the cost of travel to that facility.

**Non-VA health facility:** VA will only reimburse veterans for travel to receive non-VA care that has been approved in advance, except in certain emergency situations.

## **VA may also cover the following costs:**

- Mileage driven to and from your appointment
- Bridge, road, and tunnel tolls
- Parking
- Taxi and plane fares
- Ticket costs for public transportation, including train, subway, bus, ferry, or light rail
- Transportation by a specially equipped vehicle, like an ambulance or wheelchair van, when needed and approved
- Meals and lodging when needed in some cases

For current the current VA mileage rate click [here](#)

To watch a video on how to submit a travel pay reimbursement claim through VA click [here](#)

