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VRAP benefits available to unemployed veterans age 35 to 60

In an effort to reduce Veteran unemployment, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011 was passed and signed into law last November. Included in this new law is the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) for unemployed 35 to 60 year old Veterans, which will begin on July 1, 2012 - we will begin accepting applications on May 15, 2012.

VRAP offers 12 months of training assistance to 99,000 unemployed Veterans who are at least 35 years old but no older than 60. Eligible participants will receive up to 12 months of training assistance at the full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (currently \$1,473 per month). DOL will offer employment assistance to every Veteran who participates or applies to the VRAP program. You can learn more about VRAP at <http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm>.

Please visit: http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/vrap_email_signup.html

You will be prompted to provide us your first name, last name, and email address. Once submitted you can expect to receive six to seven emails about VRAP, including notification on when applications open.

If you have any technical problems with the link or the image please email us at 225D.VBACO@VA.GOV for support. Detailed information on VOW and VRAP is also available at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOW>.

Help us spread the word by sending this information on to the Veterans in your military community.

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