

VA Benefit

The Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and NSCA-Certified Personal Trainer (NSCA-CPT) examinations have been approved for veterans with G.I. Bill Benefits to receive reimbursement for the examination registration fee (<http://www.gibill.va.gov/Education/LCweb/search.asp>).*

Eligibility

Individuals eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill-Active Duty (also called the MGIB or Chapter 30; unfortunately this benefit isn't available for MGIB for reservists), or WEAP (also called Chapter 32) or Dependents' Education Assistance (also called DEA or Chapter 35) may receive this benefit. More information about eligibility can be found at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. Individuals generally have 10 years after this discharge from active duty to use their benefits.

Filing a Claim

Eligible candidates can apply for benefits by sending a copy of their test results to the VA office that handles their education benefits (can be found at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/LC/SampleLCaa.htm>) and attach a note with the following information:

- Request for reimbursement
- Name and Social Security number or VA claim number
- Name and date of examination (CSCS or NSCA-CPT)
- NSCA Certification name and address: "NSCA Certification, 1885 Bob Johnson Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906"
- Cost of the Exam
- The following statement: "I authorize release of my test information to VA."

To view an example of the required information visit: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/LC/SampleLCapp.htm>.

Candidates that have never previously filed a claim for VA education benefits will also need to submit an application for benefits. These forms can be obtained online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or by calling 1-888-GBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

- **Veteran or on active duty:** VA Form 22-1990 (can be done online at www.gibill.vav.gov)
- **Eligible child or spouse:** VA Form 22-5490

**VA can pay only for the cost of the exam and not other fees connected with obtaining the CSCS and/or NSCA-CPT including but not limited to NSCA membership, preparation materials and travel to the exam location. Candidates who are eligible for these benefits may also receive reimbursement for the exams that they failed and must retake. The individual's total months of entitlement to VA education benefits will be reduced each time benefits for licensing or certification are used. The charge to entitlement is determined by dividing the cost of the examination by your monthly benefit rate for full-time training.*