



TITLE 29 EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for Title 29 State Educational Benefits requires that veterans meet residency requirements under La. R.S. 29:288. The following is a list of documents that LDVA will accept to show that the residency requirement has been met.

If the applicant is a child (age 16 -25 years old) or surviving spouse of:

- a service member who died in active service; or
- a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred during a wartime period

Then the applicant must show that the deceased service member or veteran was a Louisiana resident for at least twelve months prior to their entrance into service. To establish that this residency requirement is met, the applicant must submit to LDVA the death certificate of the service member or veteran and one or more of the following:

- The deceased service member or veteran's DD-214 showing a Louisiana residence address as the home of record;
- The deceased service member or veteran's Louisiana high school diploma or equivalent;
- The deceased service member or veteran's Louisiana high school, college, or university transcripts; or
- Other documentation deemed acceptable by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

If the applicant is a child (age 16 -25 years old) of a living veteran who:

- has received a 90% or higher service-connected disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or
- has been determined to be unemployable by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs

Then the applicant must show that the living veteran has been a resident of Louisiana for at least two years immediately preceding admission of the applicant into a training institution program of education. To establish that the veteran's residency requirement has been met, the applicant must present at least three of the following documents that include the veteran's name and a Louisiana residence address:

- Unexpired Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana special identification card (must be issued two or more years ago);
- Louisiana voter registration card (must be issued two or more years ago);
- Louisiana vehicle registration (must be issued two or more years ago);
- Homestead tax exemption forms for the past two years;

- Louisiana full time resident income tax returns for the past two years (signed and marked as received by the Louisiana Department of Revenue).

If the applicant cannot present at least three of the documents listed above, they must present two of the documents listed above and must provide copies of at least two documents in addition to those provided from the list above. The additional documents must include the veteran's name and a Louisiana residence address and must have been issued within the two years immediately preceding the applicant's admission into a program of education.

Examples of acceptable additional documents include:

- Utility bills for two separate utilities (i.e., water, sewer, gas, electric, cable/satellite TV, internet, telephone/cell phone, or garbage collection) or other utility statements showing service in veteran's name at a Louisiana residence address;
- Federal income tax returns for the past two years (signed and marked as received by the IRS);
- Financial statements (i.e., bank/credit union account, investment account, credit card account, or loan/credit financing);
- Employment documentation (i.e., paycheck or paycheck stub, letter from your employer on company letterhead, W-2 for earnings issued, or military orders issued);
- Health insurance statement or explanation of benefits (EOB) for a claim or a health care bill/invoice;
- Social Security documentation (i.e., Social Security Annual Statement, Numerical Identification System record, or Social Security check);
- Homeowners or renters insurance policy or premium bill;
- Mortgage, payment coupon, deed, escrow statement, or property tax bill;
- Auto insurance policy;
- Unexpired firearms license (gun permit);
- Current, valid lease agreement and rent payment receipts for a home or apartment.