



Positive Connections for Powerful Careers

The Solar Ready Vets Network connects military talent with solar energy training and career pathways. This initiative is led by The Solar Foundation and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy to prepare the industry for a modern grid.

A key objective of the program is to make solar training widely accessible to veterans. Solar Ready Vets is working with training providers across the country to expand eligibility of GI Bill benefits for solar training programs, and implement streamlined solar credentialing pathways that recognize military experience.

Join the Solar Ready Vets Network to help us get military talent to the front lines of the American solar workforce.

▶ **GI Bill for NABCEP credentials**

Solar Ready Vets has secured approvals from the US Department of Veterans Affairs for exam costs associated with all of NABCEP's solar certifications and credentials to be eligible for GI Bill benefits.

Eligible for reimbursement through GI Bill

- ✓ PV Associate
- ✓ PV Installation Professional
- ✓ PV Design Specialist
- ✓ PV Installation Specialist
- ✓ PV Commissioning & Maintenance
- ✓ PV Technical Sales
- ✓ PV System Inspector

▶ **GI Bill for solar training programs**

WEAMS (Web Enabled Approval Management System) is the registration system used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to track education programs that are eligible for GI Bill Benefits. Ensuring that both your institution and solar training program are registered with Veterans Affairs is an important step to allow veteran students to use their GI Bill education benefits for your solar training program. Please see the reverse side for detailed instructions for completing this process.

▶ **Veteran Fast Tracks for Solar Credentials**

Solar Ready Vets is working with NABCEP to accelerate and streamline requirements for solar certifications in ways that recognize relevant military experience. Fast Tracks will become available summer 2021 – please see SolarReadyVeterans for the most recent information.

www.SolarReadyVeterans.org





▶ REGISTER YOUR SOLAR TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GI BILL® BENEFITS

In order for veterans to use their GI Bill benefits for a training program, both the institution and the program itself must be registered with WEAMS. The Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS) is the database used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to list GI Bill®-eligible programs.

1 Check if your training institution is registered with the VA database: visit the [WEAMS institution search](#) and ensure that your school / training institution appears in a search.

2 **If your institution is already listed:**
Select the “Programs” tab to see a list of all WEAMS-registered programs.

- If your solar program is *not* listed, proceed to step 3.
- If your solar program *is* already listed, the process is complete. (See step 4!)

If your institution is not already listed:
Using the [NASAA directory](#), contact the Program Manager at your State Approving Agency for an application & instructions to register your institution.

Once your institution is WEAMS registered, proceed to step 3.

3 **If your solar program is not already listed:**

- Using the [NASAA directory](#), contact the Program Manager at your State Approving Agency for an application & instructions to register your solar course / program.
- For timely approval, we recommend that your application emphasize how learning outcomes of your solar program support job-readiness in a growing industry (rather than an elective).

4 **Once your solar program is registered** in the VA Database, please [let us know!](#) Solar Ready Vets maintains a directory of GI Bill® eligible solar training programs for veterans to identify opportunities.

More of a visual learner? A video tutorial of this process is available [here](#).

For [questions or assistance](#) with the WEAMS registration process, please contact Eric Filante: Efilante@NABCEP.org