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# North Dakota State Veteran's Benefits

The state of North Dakota provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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## North Dakota Veteran Housing Programs

### Veterans Home

The North Dakota Veterans Home, located in Lisbon, North Dakota, consists of 111 basic care and 38 skilled nursing beds. The Veterans Home was established to provide service to an eligible veteran who is:

- A bona fide resident of North Dakota for at least one year; or
- Served in a North Dakota regiment (activated N. D. National Guard); or
- Entered the Armed Forces as a North Dakota resident; or
- Is the spouse or surviving spouse of above veteran.

Application may be made through any County Veterans Service Officer.

## North Dakota Financial Assistance Benefits

### Hardship Grant

The purpose of this assistance is to provide monies to give aid and comfort to veterans and their spouses, or unremarried widow/widowers of eligible veterans.

The individual must have an emergency need of dental work, eye glasses, hearing aids, transportation for medical treatment, or any special need approved by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

### Loan Program

The Veterans Aid Fund is a permanent fund to be used solely for the purpose of making loans to veterans or their widow/widowers.

To qualify, the applicant is required to be a: peacetime veteran, wartime veteran or, National Guard with active duty, or unremarried widow/widower of eligible veteran; a citizen and resident of North Dakota for at least one year, and have the financial ability to make payments.

The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. The interest rate is 8% per annum. Time limit can be from six months to 48 months.

## North Dakota Education Benefits

### Tuition Waiver

Any qualifying member of the national guard who enrolls in any state-controlled school, shall, subject to national guard rules promulgated by the adjutant general, receive a waiver of the tuition charged by the school.

The tuition waiver is valid only so long as the member of the national guard maintains satisfactory performance with the guard, meets the qualification requirements of rules promulgated by the adjutant general, and pursues a course of study in a manner which satisfies the normal requirements of the school.

### **Free Tuition to qualified Dependents in North Dakota Institution of Higher Education.**

Any dependent of a resident veteran who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, was totally disabled as a result of service-connected causes, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, upon being duly accepted for enrollment into any North Dakota state-supported institution of higher education or state-supported technical or vocational school, must be allowed to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion, for so long as the dependent is eligible, free of any tuition and fee charges.... provided that the bachelor's degree or certificate of completion is earned within a forty-five month or ten semester period or its equivalent; and further that tuition and fee charges shall not include costs for aviation flight charges or expenses.

## **Other North Dakota State Veteran Benefits**

### **License Plates**

A veteran, while serving in the U.S. armed forces was a prisoner of war and has received an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces, may be issued a special number license plate. On the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse may retain the numbered plate as an active plate. There are also special license plates for certain categories of veterans.

### **ND State Park Fees**

North Dakota veterans with a 50 percent or greater, service-related disability and former POWs are eligible for a free annual permit. All other North Dakota veterans with service related disabilities are eligible to receive an annual permit for \$20.

### **Game and Fish Licenses**

50% or greater disabled veterans may be eligible for discounted game and fish licenses.

### **Transportation**

The veterans transportation system is designed to aid veterans in transportation to a Veterans Hospital. Currently, there are 5 vans on scheduled routes bringing veterans to Fargo, North Dakota or Miles City, Montana. The cost of this program is underwritten in part by the Post War Trust Fund.

### **ND Veterans Cemetery**

The North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery was established by an act of the 1989 Legislative Assembly. The cemetery was opened in July 1992, and is operated by the Adjutant General of North Dakota. It is located 6.5 miles south of Mandan on Highway 1806 on a 35 acre tract of land in the southwest corner of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.

Visit the [North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Website](#) for more information about any of these programs.