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**To:** Veterans Taking IMSA Certification Exams  
**From:** Sharon Earl / Director of Education  
**Date:** 26-Nov-10  
**Re:** Veteran Exam Reimbursement

## **IMSA Exams Approved for Reimbursement**

Effective August 1, 2009, certification exams offered by IMSA are approved for the reimbursement of test fees for veterans and other eligible persons in accordance with the provisions of PL 106-419. This approval is conditioned on continued conformity with the applicable provisions of Title 38, US Code.

The International office of IMSA is located in the state of NY and IMSA applied through the Division of Veterans' Affairs, Bureau of Veterans Education in Albany, New York.  
***(Associations must applied to the state office in which they reside.)*** The Regional Process Office (RPO) for the NY area is in Buffalo. Veterans applying for reimbursement must submit through their own local RPO. Their local RPO will then contact the Buffalo RPO as our certification is under this processing office.



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September 15, 2010

Ms. Sharon Earl  
International Municipal Signal Association  
(IMSA)  
165 East Union Street  
P.O. Box 539  
Newark, NY 14513-0539

Dear Ms. Earl:

Effective August 1, 2009, the following certification tests offered by International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) are approved for the reimbursement of test fees for veterans and other eligible persons in accordance with the provisions of PL 106-419.

Certification

Work Zone Traffic Control Safety  
Traffic Signal Level I  
Traffic Signal Level II Field Technician  
Traffic Signal Level II Bench Technician  
Traffic Signal Level II Construction Technician  
Traffic Signal Level II Design Engineering Technician

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Sincerely,

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James R. Bombard  
Chief  
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October 19, 2010

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Dear Ms. Earl:

Effective August 1, 2009, the following certification tests offered by International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) are approved for the reimbursement of test fees for veterans and other eligible persons in accordance with the provisions of PL 106-419. This is a supplemental approval. All previous approvals remain in effect.

Certification

Interior Fire Alarm Level I  
Interior Fire Alarm Level II  
Municipal Fire Alarm Level I  
Municipal Fire Alarm Level II  
Municipal Fire Alarm Level III  
Fire Alarm Monitoring  
Roadway Lighting Level I  
Roadway Lighting Level II  
Telecommunicator Level I  
Flagging and Traffic Control Level I  
Traffic Signal Inspection  
Microprocessor in Traffic Signals  
Electronics in Traffic Signals  
Signs and Markings Level I  
Signs and Markings Level II  
Signs and Markings Level III  
Traffic Signal Bench Level III  
Traffic Signal Field Level III

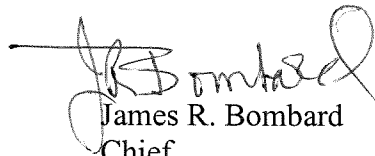
Ms. Sharon Earl

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October 19, 2010

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## Checklist for Requesting Licensing & Certification Test Reimbursement

To apply for test reimbursement, send us a signed and dated request with the following information:

- Your Full Name
- Your Mailing Address
- Your Home Phone Number (with area code)
- Your Social Security Number
- Your VA File Number (if different from your Social Security Number)
- Have you applied for VA benefits before? If no, please complete an application for education benefits and send with this request for reimbursement.
- Name of Test
- Date Test Taken
- Cost of Test (*NOTE: We can't reimburse you for registration fees, preparation guides, processing fees, etc.*)
- A copy of your test results or a copy of your license or certification
- Name & Address of Organization Issuing License
- Statement: "I hereby authorize the release of my test information to the Department of Veterans Affairs"
- Your Signature and Date Signed

**Note:** We can't process your claim without your signature.  
Send this information for each test you take.

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Washington, DC 20420

OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
Penalty for Private Use \$300

 Department of  
Veterans Affairs



*Pays the Costs of a License or  
Certification Test*

VA Pamphlet  
22-02-1  
December 2005

Veterans Benefits  
Administration

Having a license or certification can open doors for you in today's workplace. Many professions require a license or certification. A license or certification may also be required for jobs that are subject to State or other government regulations. Licensing and/or certification may play a key role in advancing your career in jobs such as a mechanic, medical technician, therapist, computer network engineer, web site developer, and others. By certification, we mean the certification you get by taking a specific test for a field of employment, not a certificate you receive for completing training.

If you're eligible, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can reimburse you for taking a license or certification test. The test must be approved for VA purposes. Generally we must receive your request within one year of when you took the test. For more information about these programs, visit our Internet site: [www.GIBILL.va.gov](http://www.GIBILL.va.gov)

You may receive reimbursement for approved licensing and certification tests if you qualify for:

- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), or
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006)
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) (Public Law 109-163 enacted January 6, 2006)
- Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), or
- Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)

### **What Do I Have To Do?**

- Step 1 Apply for education benefits. If you've previously applied for education benefits, you don't need to apply again. Go to step 2.  
If you've never applied before, you can complete and submit your application on-line. Just go to [www.GIBILL.va.gov](http://www.GIBILL.va.gov) and click on Electronic Application Form.
- Step 2 Apply for reimbursement. See the next section below.

### **How Do I Apply For Reimbursement?**

To apply for test reimbursement, send us a signed and dated request with the following information. A checklist is provided on the back of this pamphlet. You must give this information for each test taken.

- Your name, address and Social Security number or VA claim number
- The name of the test you took and the date you took it
- A copy of each test results for each test taken, whether or not you passed it
- The name and address of the **organization issuing the license or certificate** (not necessarily the organization that administered the test)
- The cost of each test.

*NOTE: We can't reimburse you for registration fees, preparation guides, processing fees, etc.*

- This statement: "I authorize release of my test information to VA."
- Your signature and date signed.

Regardless of whether you use the checklist provided or send us a statement, you should attach a copy of your test

results or a copy of your license or certification if you have them.

### **How Do I Find Which Tests Are Approved?**

To find out which tests are approved, visit our Internet site: [www.GIBILL.va.gov/Education/LCweb/search.asp](http://www.GIBILL.va.gov/Education/LCweb/search.asp)

If you can't find your test, you should still apply for education benefits. Your test may be approved but not appear on the list.

### **How Much Can I Receive?**

You can receive reimbursement of up to \$2,000 per test but not more than the VA approved cost of the test. You may receive benefits to **retake** a test you didn't pass. You may receive benefits to retake a test you passed if the test is required for recertification or to allow you to retain a license you already have.

You must be eligible for benefits in order to receive test reimbursement. Your total months of benefits will be reduced each time you receive reimbursement for a licensing or certification test.

### **Who Can I Contact if I Have Questions?**

If you have questions about licensing and certification reimbursement, or applying for benefits, you can

- Go to our Internet site: [www.GIBILL.va.gov](http://www.GIBILL.va.gov), and click on "Ask a Question and Find Answers"
- Call us at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), or for the hearing-impaired call 1-800-829-4833.