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# How To Apply For A Veteran ID Card

The House and Senate unanimously passed the Veterans Identification Card Act in 2015. President Obama signed the act into law on July 20, 2015. The Veterans Identification Card Act authorized the VA to begin issuing a national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) to all veterans with an honorable discharge, something many veterans have been requesting for years.

The bill authorized the VA to issue ID cards as soon as early 2016, but the process took much more time to develop and implement. The VA was given limited guidance on how to implement the ID Cards. While this seems like a fairly simple process on the surface, there is a lot that needed to be established behind the scenes.

The VA had to establish the processes to verify military service, design an ID card, ensure they have the procedures, materials, and personnel in place. Delays pushed back the initial issue date until November 2017. Even then, unexpected issues caused multiple delays, and many veterans had to submit their email to a waiting list before being able to apply for their VIC.

## How to Apply for a Veteran ID Card

A Veteran ID Card (VIC) is a form of photo ID you can use to get discounts offered to Veterans at many restaurants, hotels, stores, and other businesses. Find out if you're eligible for a Veteran ID Card—and how to apply. **CLICK HERE FOR INFO ON HOW TO APPLY:** <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

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