



Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption Documentation Checklist

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1. Required for Veteran
 - Hazlewood Application
 - DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
 - DD Form 215, Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (*if necessary*)
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)

2. Required for Legacy Applicant:
 - Hazlewood Application
 - Veteran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
 - DD Form 215, Correction to DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (*if necessary*)
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)
 - Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Documentation, or IRS Transcript of Tax Return (<https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript>) from current or previous year indicating dependency of child, and identification of designee if applicable
 - Death Certificate for deceased Veteran

3. Required for Spouse or Child (other than Legacy):
 - Hazlewood Application
 - DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty if the Veteran died while on active duty
 - Veteran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
 - DD Form 215, Correction to DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (*if necessary*)
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)
 - Letter from VA indicating the Veteran's death was service-related
 - VA Rating Decision Letter if the Veteran is disabled
 - Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Documentation, or IRS Transcript of Tax Return (<https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript>) from current or previous year indicating dependency of child, and identification of designee if applicable

4. To verify military service prior to January 1, 1950 the following forms are acceptable:
 - Record/Report of Service: WD AGO 53, WD AGO 53-55, WD AGO 53-58
 - Notice/Report of separation: NAVCG- 553, NAVMC 78-PD, NAVPERS-553

5. The DD Form 214 and other military records may be requested from the National Archives at the following website: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>. A NA Form 13038 may be substituted for a DD Form 214 upon National Archives verification that the Veteran's DD Form 214 has been lost or destroyed. The Veteran still must prove home or record or place of entry into active duty as Texas per the procedures in Block 7 below.

6. Veterans with qualifying service on or after September 11, 2001, are required to provide a VA Certificate of Eligibility statement with their application regarding their Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility (applies to all applicants, except as listed below). *Legacy recipients where the Veteran's DD Form 214 has a separation date after September 10, 2001 and prior to August 1, 2009 do not need to submit a VA Certificate of Eligibility if the type of separation is listed as "Discharge" or "Retirement" (to include those medically retired, temporary or permanent).*

7. Veterans whose DD Form 214 does not indicate a home of record at time of entry into active duty or the place of entry into active duty as Texas will be required to provide a Texas high school transcript indicating their graduation within one year of their enlistment. If the entry date is more than one year after high school graduation, the Veteran will be required to provide one of the following: lease or mortgage documentation, pay stubs, W2s, or any other documentation the school may require, verifying Texas residency in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Texas Education Code.