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AAE

Automobile

Adaptive

Equipment

AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

Overview

This program provides equipment and training necessary for certain service-connected patients to enter, exit, and operate a motor vehicle, once they have been awarded an Automobile Grant by VBA (Form 4502) and completed Driver's Training with an approved driver's evaluator. If a patient does not meet the service-connected criteria to operate a vehicle (loss of or loss of use of a limb or ankylosis of one or both hips or knees, or permanent vision impairment of both eyes described under Eligibility), they can still be approved for vehicular access equipment that will allow them to safely enter and exit a vehicle; however no operational equipment can be provided.



General Information

The Automobile Adaptive Equipment (AAE) program permits physically challenged persons to enter, exit and/or operate a motor vehicle or other conveyance.

Veterans are trained through the VA's Drivers Rehabilitation Program to safely operate their vehicle on our Nation's highways.

The VA also provides necessary equipment such as platform wheelchair lifts, kneeling systems, power door openers, lowered floors/raised roofs, raised doors, hand controls, left foot gas pedals, reduced effort and zero effort steering and braking, and digital driving systems.

Additionally, VA's program provides reimbursements for standard equipment relating to the service connected disability including, but not limited to, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats and other special equipment necessary for the safe operation of an approved vehicle.

Eligibility

Note: Eligible service connected Veterans who are non-drivers are not eligible for reimbursement for operational equipment.

1. Veterans service connected for the loss, or loss of use of one or both feet or hands, or service connected ankylosis of one or both knees or hips.
2. Veterans service connected for permanent impairment of vision of both eyes who have a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective eyewear or greater than 20/200 where the visual field of the better eye is 20 degrees or less..
3. NSC Veterans are eligible for vehicular access equipment that will safely permit ingress and egress from a vehicle.

Required Documentation

The following must be submitted to the local Prosthetics Department:

- Completed VAF 10-1394, "Application for Adaptive Equipment"
- Copy of Valid Driver's License
- Proof of ownership of the vehicle which can be documented by Bill of Sale, Title, or Vehicle Registration.