

# **BE VIGILANT OF PACT ACT SCAMS**



#### On August 10, President Biden <u>signed the</u> <u>PACT Act into law</u>. This law helps millions of Veterans and their survivors by:

- Extending **VA health care** eligibility for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and Post-9/11 (Post-September 11, 2001) eras
- Expanding *benefits* eligibility for Veterans exposed to toxic substances and their survivors



## How to Apply for PACT Act Benefits

We want Veterans and survivors to apply now for their PACT Act-related benefits. You can learn more and sign up at <u>www.</u> <u>va.gov/PACT</u>, or call us at 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411).

If you need help applying for benefits, VA, <u>accredited</u> <u>representatives</u>, <u>and Veteran Service Officers</u> are always standing by and ready to help. There's no cost for the forms, no fees to apply, and VA will never charge Veterans for processing a claim.



# **Tips to Avoid PACT Act Scams**

Scammers are taking advantage of new opportunities to commit fraud. There's been an increase in PACT Act-related <u>phishing (email)</u>, vishing (phone), and <u>social media scams</u> targeting Veterans to access their PACT Act benefits or submit claims on their behalf.

Veterans should be cautious of anyone who guarantees a lucrative financial benefit or service. To report suspected fraudulent activity, please contact at <u>vaoighotline@va.gov</u> or call 1-800-488-8244.



### Protect yourself against new scams with these tips:

- Do not provide personal, benefits, medical, or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request.
- Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious.
- Check for "https://" at the start of website addresses.
- Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts.
- Work with Veteran service providers you already know.
- Submit any suspected fraud to <u>ReportFraud.ftc.gov</u>.

Visit the Cybercrime Support Network for additional resources to help Veterans, service members, and their families combat cybercrime.

### www.VA.gov/PACT is the official source of PACT Act information.



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