

Florida National Guard EDD — Certification Training Guide

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Funding limits

- **\$5,000** per funding request
- **\$10,000** per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)
- Covers tuition, exam prep and exam fees
- Priced at the EDD rate of \$218.71 per credit hour

Eligibility

- Be an “Active Drilling” member
- Be in “Good Standing”
- Florida Army or Air National Guard member living in the State of Florida
- Meet fitness and weight standards, with no pending UCMJ action, and hold a CAC

Certifications that fit one funding request

Certification course	Credit hours	EDD cost
CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, CySA+, PenTest+, Linux+	16	\$3,499.36
PMI PMP / EC-Council CEH	16	\$3,499.36
PMI CAPM	14	\$3,061.94
ISC2 CISSP	18	\$3,936.78
Hack The Box CPTS	20	\$4,374.20
Cisco CCNA	21	\$4,592.91
OffSec PEN-200 (OSCP)	22	\$4,811.62
Microsoft AZ-900	4	\$874.84

Two certifications in one fiscal year, inside the \$10,000 limit: Security+ and CySA+ (\$6,998.72); Network+ and CCNA (\$8,092.27); Security+ and CISSP (\$7,436.14).

Getting your Form 704

1. **Sign in to the Virtual Education Center** — Go to edd.dma.myflorida.com and sign in with your CAC. The VEC is where every EDD education goal and funding request lives.
2. **Set or confirm your education goal** — Choose the certification you are pursuing. A funding request has to sit under an approved education goal, so set the goal first if this is your first request.
3. **Create a funding request for your class dates** — Enter the course, the school (Applied Technology Academy) and the exact class start and end dates. Submit up to 60 days before class starts — earlier is safer than later.

4. **Wait for approval and download Form 704** — EDD usually decides in 5–7 business days. On approval the VEC issues a Form 704, the document that authorizes us to bill EDD for your seat.
5. **Email Form 704 to ATA before class** — Send it to your EDD Student Coordinator. Without the 704 on file we cannot bill EDD, and your seat is not secured.
6. **Train, then report your exam result** — We bill EDD directly. After class, sit your exam and send us the result — a passed certification keeps your next EDD funding request moving.

Stacking with other benefits

Federal Tuition Assistance and EDD can be combined, up to 100% of tuition. Army Credentialing Assistance is now \$2,000 a year, and Air Force COOL is only available on Title 32 orders, so for most Florida Guard members EDD is the largest certification benefit. Ask our coordinator how to combine them.

Questions soldiers ask

How much does EDD pay for certification training?

Up to \$5,000 per funding request and \$10,000 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), including tuition, prep and exam fees.

Is Applied Technology Academy EDD-approved?

Yes. ATA is on the FLNG EDD approved-schools list and is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education (#7734).

How do I apply for EDD?

Log in to the EDD Virtual Education Center (VEC) at edd.dma.myflorida.com with your CAC, set your education goal, and submit a funding request for the class dates. Our EDD Student Coordinator can walk you through it.

What is Form 704 and how do I get it?

Form 704 is the EDD approval you receive once your funding request is approved in the VEC. Send it to ATA before class; we cannot bill EDD without it.

How early can I apply?

Up to 60 days before class starts. Approval usually takes 5–7 business days, so submit your funding request at least two weeks out.

Can I combine EDD with Army CA, AF COOL or Federal TA?

Federal Tuition Assistance and EDD can be combined up to 100% of tuition. Army Credentialing Assistance is \$2,000 a year and Air Force COOL requires Title 32 orders — ask our coordinator which combination fits your situation.

Does EDD pay for the exam voucher?

Yes. The per-request and per-fiscal-year limits cover tuition, exam prep and exam fees, so an approved funding request includes the certification exam.

Can I train online?

Yes. Most EDD courses run live-online, with evening sections for Guard members who work during the day.

Which certifications meet DoD 8140 for my job?

That depends on your DoD Cyber Workforce Framework work role. Our DoD 8140 work-role page maps the qualifying training and certification options role by role, and our coordinator can match one to your MOS or AFSC.

Talk to us

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