

hearing loss  
**VETERANS ELIGIBLE FOR  
COMMUNICATION AIDS**

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Virginia Relay have announced that military veterans living with a hearing or speech loss are automatically eligible for telecommunications equipment through Virginia's Technology Assistance Program, according to a news release.

Adaptive telecommunications equipment, including text telephones, captioned telephones and other devices, is available to individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- A veteran with a hearing or speech loss and proof of an honorable discharge.
  - A veteran with a hearing or speech loss and documentation of a service-related disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - A surviving spouse or child of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty and has a hearing or speech loss.
  - An active member of the Virginia National Guard who has completed the required initial active-duty service.
- Information: 800-552-7917  
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