



Using Data to End Veteran Homelessness

## STATUS QUERY AND RESPONSE EXCHANGE SYSTEM (SQUARES)

### BENEFITS OF USING SQUARES

- Offers a quick and easy application process and customer support
- Provides eligibility determinations within minutes so you can immediately begin enrollment or referral processes for VA homeless program services
- Supplies brief descriptions and other resource information to help users understand eligibility codes

### ENDING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR VA.

No Veteran should be without a place to call home in the country they fought to defend. VA remains committed to ending Veteran homelessness.

To learn more about VA's goals to prevent and end Veteran homelessness, visit [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless).

Visit [www.va.gov/homeless/squares](http://www.va.gov/homeless/squares) or scan the QR code below to learn more about SQUARES.



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## WHAT IS SQUARES?

The **Status Query and Response Exchange System (SQUARES)** is a web-based application that allows VA employees, homeless service providers, and a variety of other community partners to quickly and easily determine Veteran eligibility for VA homeless program services.

Finding and securing affordable housing can be an uphill battle for Veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. As a critical partner, you may be the first to encounter these Veterans. SQUARES provides you with a way to identify homeless Veterans so your organization can provide immediate assistance.

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## HOW DOES SQUARES WORK?

1. Go to [www.va.gov/homeless/squares](http://www.va.gov/homeless/squares) to review the application instructions.
2. Assign someone from your organization to be the designated approving official to manage your organization's account.
3. Apply for an account. It will be approved within 24-48 hours.
4. Enter the Veteran's name, Social Security number, date of birth, and gender. The system will return an eligibility determination within minutes. The system will also provide brief descriptions to help you understand eligibility codes and information on how you can connect Veterans to VA homeless program services.



The increased speed in Veteran eligibility determination and improved visibility of resources provided by SQUARES is dramatically transforming the lives of Veterans and their families.

The faster Veterans can acquire stable housing, the more likely they are to access services to sustain their housing, pursue their goals, and improve their quality of life.



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