



Brief of Post 9/11 GI Bill

Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 33

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Post-9/11 GI Bill Summary

- Signed into law June 2008, Program effective August 1, 2009
- Based on aggregate of qualifying active duty service on or after September 11, 2001
- Member must serve a minimum aggregate period of 90 days to 36 months (30 days continuous if discharged due to a service-connected disability).
- Qualifying Service:
 - All regular Active Duty served in the active forces to include Full-Time Support (FTS)
 - While serving in the Selected Reserve, periods of mobilization (Involuntary or Voluntary), ADSW, ADOS, and ADT. Also time served as a CANREC will be credited.
- Exceptions to Qualifying Service:
 - Initial Entry Training, includes Boot Camp and “A” school (will count after member aggregates more than 24 months)
 - Service Academy and ROTC statutory obligated service
 - SELRES Annual Training “AT”
- Non-contributory (\$1,200 pay reduction is not required)



Post-9/11 GI Bill Summary

- Who May Be Eligible:
 - Members that initially entered the Armed Forces between 1 Jan 1977 and 30 Jun 1985 (VEAP ERA)
 - Members that initially entered the Armed Forces on or after 1 Jul 1985 to present (MGIB, Title 38, Chapter 30), including:
 - Those that enrolled in MGIB or converted from VEAP (Contributed \$1,200 or \$2,700)
 - Those that declined or disenrolled from MGIB
- Entitlement usage period: Member has 15 years from date of last discharge or release from active duty to derive benefits.
- Transferability: If eligible, member may elect to transfer all or a portion thereof their unused entitlement to dependents (see transferability slides).



Post-9/11 GI Bill Percentage of Benefits

Aggregate Service Requirements	Initial Entry Level and Skill Training Service Time *	% of Maximum Benefit
At least 36 months	YES INCLUDED IN AGGREGATE	100 %
At least 30 consecutive days, discharged or released for a service-connected disability		100%
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months		90%
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months		80%
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	NO EXCLUDED FROM AGGREGATE	70%
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months		60%
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months		50%
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months		40%

* Basic Training (Boot Camp) and "A" School Service time



Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits

- **Benefits are based on a percentage of the following, as determined by the members total aggregate qualifying service:**
 - Amount of Tuition and fee's charged, not to exceed, the highest in-state undergraduate tuition at a public Institute of Higher Learning (IHL)
 - Tuition and fee's are paid to school
 - A monthly Living STIPEND equal to the basic allowance for housing (BAH) amount payable to an E-5 with dependents, in the same zip-code, as the school in which the student is attending
 - STIPEND paid to individual
 - Not paid if pursuing education at half-time or less or enrolled in distance learning
 - Not paid to sailor if attending school while on active duty
 - An annual STIPEND of up to \$1,000 for books and supplies
 - STIPEND paid to individual
 - If enrolled at half-time or less, or enrolled in distance learning, member will receive an appropriately reduced amount
 - Not paid to sailor if attending school while on active duty
 - A one-time payment of \$500 may be payable to certain individuals relocating from highly rural areas
 - Payment made to individual



Conversion to Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Members currently eligible for the following educational programs may “elect” to convert all remaining entitlement under that program to the Post 9/11 GI Bill
 - Active Duty MGIB (Title 38, Chapter 30)
 - Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) (Title 10, Chapter 1607)
- Decision to “convert” is IRREVOCABLE (member should be counseling regarding this decision)
- If member elects to convert they will be eligible to receive payment for ALL educational programs payable under that program and not only traditional educational pursuit at an IHL (Undergraduate and Graduate degrees)
 - On-the-Job-Training, Apprenticeship Training, Flight Training, Correspondence Courses, etc (These programs are NOT payable to members that are gaining initial educational benefits eligibility via the Post 9/11 GI Bill)
- Member must convert to the Post 9/11 GI Bill to be entitled to “elect” transferability, if eligible



Comparing Post 9/11 GI Bill

	Montgomery GI Bill Chapter 30	Post 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33
Payment Rate for Full-Time Student	Annually set monthly payment rate. Currently \$1,321 per month based on full-time pursuit.	Indexed to full in state tuition for public schools. Based on highest in-state undergraduate tuition. National average in 2008 was \$6,185
Basic Entitlement	36 months Full-Time	36 months Full-Time
Additional expense payments	None	1. Monthly living expense equal to E-5 BAH with dependents. 2. Annual books and fees STIPEND of up to \$1,000
Eligibility Requirements	Entered military service on or after July 1, 1985	Qualifying active duty service on or after Sept 11, 2001
Benefit Expiration	10 years from date of last discharge or separation	15 years from date of last discharge or separation
Transfer Benefits to family	Limited – Currently only Army critical MOS is used	Yes – after Aug 1, 2009
Enrollment Fee	\$1,200	None
Total Annual Benefit	\$15,852	\$24,105 (Based on Norfolk, VA E-5 BAH rate of \$1,410 per month)



Transferability of Post 9/11 MGIB (Title 38, Chapter 33) Education Benefits to Family Members

Also

Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Title
10, Chapter 1606), and
Reserve Education Assistance Program
(REAP) (Title 10, Chapter 1607)



Transferability Summary

- Becomes effective August 1, 2009
- Service Secretaries have approval authority for transferability (it is NOT a guaranteed entitlement)
- Enacted for Retention and Recruiting
- To submit an application to transfer benefits member must be in the “**Armed Forces**” on or after August 1, 2009
(For the purpose of transferability, “**Armed Forces**” is defined as currently serving on Active Duty in the active forces, or serving in the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve (Drill Pay Status))
- - Members that separate from active duty, or who leave the Selected Reserve prior to this date are ineligible to submit an application
 - Members that Retire, Transfer to Fleet Reserve or Transfer to the Retired Reserve prior to this date are ineligible to submit an application
- Member must have completed *at least six years* of service in the “**Armed Forces**” and agree to serve four more years in the “**Armed Forces**” from the date of application to transfer benefits



Transferability Summary

- Members that are discharged or released, after August 1, 2009, for a service specific policy requirement (e.g. High Year Tenure, Reduction in Force), and therefore precluded from completing the full FOUR year obligation, will only be required to serve such additional time up to the service specific policy

- Members with an APPROVED Retirement, Transfer to Fleet Reserve or Transfer to the Retired Reserve effective date that is after August 1, 2009 are only required to complete the period of time up to their approved date.

- Members NOT APPROVED for, but are, or will become, eligible to Retire, Transfer to Fleet Reserve or Transfer to the Retired Reserve between August 1, 2009 and August 1, 2012 must serve a minimum specific required service time **(Eligible for retirement means, have completed or will complete 20 years of service)**
 - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service is required.

 - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2010 and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service is required.

 - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service is required.



Transferability Summary

- **May only submit application to transfer while serving in the Armed Forces**
 - Can add dependents while in the Armed Forces
 - Can revoke or make election changes after leaving the Armed Forces
- Transfer may be to spouse, child, or a combination of both.
 - Only to dependents reported via DEERS
 - May transfer up to 36 months of educational benefits or remaining entitlement months if benefits already used prior to conversion from another educational program
- Spouse may use immediately (if member has completed minimum 6 years of service); child may use after member has completed 10 years of service.
- Period of Benefit Eligibility:
 - Spouse: Up to members 15 year delimiting date
 - Child: From age 18 up to age 26 (regardless of members 15 year delimiting date)



Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Benefits

- **Benefits are based on the same percentage of the following, as determined by the members total aggregate service:**
 - Amount of Tuition and fee's charged, not to exceed, the highest in-state undergraduate tuition at a public Institute of Higher Learning (IHL)
 - Tuition and fee's are paid to school
 - Spouse may receive benefit while member is on active duty
 - Child may receive benefit while member is on active duty
 - A monthly Living STIPEND equal to the basic allowance for housing (BAH) amount payable to an E-5 with dependents, in the same zip-code, as the school in which the student is attending
 - STIPEND paid to dependent
 - Not paid if pursuing education at half-time or less or enrolled in distance learning
 - Not paid to spouse if member is on active duty
 - WILL be paid to child regardless of members status
 - An annual STIPEND of up to \$1,000 for books and supplies
 - STIPEND paid to dependent
 - Will receive an appropriately reduced amount If enrolled at half-time or less, or enrolled in distance learning
 - Paid to dependent regardless of member status



Termination of Transferability Eligibility

- Transferability will be terminated and VA will process an overpayment collection action if member voluntarily does not complete the required four year additional service obligation.
- VA overpayment collection will be based on benefits received on or after the effective date of termination.
- Exceptions to termination and continuation of eligibility:
 - Death of the individual (not own willful misconduct), or
 - Member is discharged or released for a medical condition which pre-existed the service of the individual and was not service connected, or
 - Member is discharged or released for a physical or mental condition not a disability and that did not result from the individual's own willful misconduct, but did interfere with the performance of duty, or
 - Member is discharged or released due to hardship, or
 - Member is discharged or released for a service specific policy requirement (e.g. High Year Tenure, Reduction in Force), or
 - Member will meet federal military retirement eligibility criteria (20 + years of active service) between August 1, 2009 and August 1, 2012 (Must serve the minimum service remaining to reach retirement eligibility)



Application for Transferability

- Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) developing a web portal
- Testing scheduled for 8-9 June 2009 and plan to go live by 30 June 2009
- Anticipate up to 500,000 potential initial hits (All services)
- Process:
 - Member will log-in via CAC, DFAS pin, etc. (secure site)
 - Member will be able to view all current benefit program eligibility (VA Data)
 - If eligible, member may select option to transfer
 - Member will be presented screen showing dependent data (DEERS), member chooses dependents and portion of benefit to transfer
 - Member then submits application for transferability
 - Application will be sent to service component POC for verification and approval
 - Service component will approve/disapprove and send back to DMDC for submission to VA



ANY QUESTIONS?