

**MODULE #14 VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**

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**I. Please rate the effectiveness of this training module.**

<b>Objective</b>		<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Marginal</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<b>Knowledge of Education Benefits.</b> A) Chpt.30 B) Chpt.32 C) Chpt.35 D) Reserve	Objective Achieved			
	Applied objective content through practical exercises			
	Effectiveness of teaching methods used			
<b>Objective</b>				
<b>Knowledge of Eligibility Regulating Delimiting dates &amp; Rates.</b>	Objective Achieved			
	Applied objective content through practical exercises			
	Effectiveness of teaching methods used			
<b>Objective</b>				
<b>Knowledge of the Process &amp; Administration of Benefits.</b>	Objective Achieved			
	Applied objective content through practical exercises			
	Effectiveness of teaching methods used			
<b>Objective</b>				
<b>Chpt. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill</b>	Objective Achieved			
	Applied objective content through practical exercises			
	Effectiveness of teaching methods used			
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**SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION**

	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<b>1. Please rate the extent to which you met your personal objective for this module</b>			
<b>2. Rate the information provided in the Training Manual &amp; other reference materials</b>			
<b>3. Please evaluate the physical environment where the training was held.</b>			
<b>4. Is there anything that we could have done to make this training better for you? (Please comment)</b>			

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## VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

**Objective:** To learn about the different educational assistance programs available for veterans, members of the Selected Reserve, and others, and how to assist an eligible veteran or other eligible person to apply for VA education assistance.

### References:

Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapters 1606-1607.

Education Procedures Manual M22-4, Parts 3-6; Part 8.

VA Pamphlets: **22-79**, Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 32, Title 38, US Code and the Educational Assistance Pilot Program, Section 903 of Public Law 96-3420.  
**22-90-2**, The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty  
**22-90-3**, The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve  
**22-05-1**, Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)  
**80-85-1**, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents.  
**22-09-1**, The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

**Instructions:** Study the assigned reference materials to learn the criteria for benefits under this program and how to assist a veteran or other eligible person submit a claim for education assistance.

### Summary:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide an education assistance allowance for eligible veterans, active duty service members, members of the Selected Reserve, and to certain civilians/family members who are covered under the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-399) and Executive Order 12598.

For veterans, there are currently two programs available: 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 30 (also called the All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program or the Montgomery GI Bill), and 38 U.S. Code, Chapter 32 (also called Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Education Assistance Program or VEAP). Chapter 32 is the older of the two programs. Both of these programs are also available for active duty personnel, but those cases would normally go through the Base or Post Education Office and County Veterans Service Offices would not be involved, so specific features for active duty service persons are not discussed here.

For eligibility under Chapter 32, the veteran must have entered service on or after January 1, 1977, but before July 1, 1985. There is a minimum length of service requirement: originally the veteran was required to serve at least 181 continuous days, but veterans whose original enlistment was after September 7, 1980 (enlisted personnel) or who entered onto active duty after October 16, 1981 (officer) are required to have served either 24 continuous months or the full period for which the member was called or ordered to active duty, whichever was the shorter. The minimum length of service requirement does not apply if the veteran was discharged because of hardship; was discharged under an early-out program; was discharged because of a service-connected disability; or is determined to have a service-connected disability of compensable severity. The discharge must be honorable or general under honorable conditions. The veteran has 10 years from the date of final discharge from the period

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of qualifying service (to use the benefits); this period may be extended if the veteran re-enters active service for at least 90 days, or is prevented from training because of a disability (including the disabling effects of chronic alcoholism).

For eligibility under Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill, the veteran must have entered service on or after July 1, 1985. The minimum length of service is 36 months of continuous service unless the term of service was less than three years, in which case the minimum is 24 months of continuous service. The minimum length of service requirements do not apply if the veteran is discharged because of hardship; is discharged for the convenience of the Government; is discharged for disability; is discharged because of a non-disabling medical condition which interferes with performance of duty; or is discharged because of a reduction in force. While on active duty, the veteran must have either completed the requirements for a high-school diploma/equivalency certificate or completed 12 hours towards a college degree. The discharge must be honorable; a general discharge under honorable conditions does not establish eligibility. The veteran has 10 years from the date of final discharge from the period of qualifying service to use the benefits; this period may be extended if the veteran re-enters active service for at least 90 days or is prevented from training because of a disability (including the disabling effects of chronic alcoholism) or because of being held by a foreign government or power.

Both Chapter 30 and Chapter 32 require that while on active duty the veterans contribute specified amounts of his or her salary to an education fund account. If the veteran did not contribute, or withdraws his or her contributions (Chapter 32 only), there is no eligibility for education assistance. Amounts withheld for Chapter 30 are not refundable. Both programs entitle the veteran to 36 months of benefits, except that under Chapter 30 if the veteran is discharged prior to completing the full enlistment period for any reason other than convenience of the Government, entitlement accrues at the rate of one month for each month served.

The Montgomery GI Bill also established an Educational Assistance program for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserves (includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard) under Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 1606. Eligibility for this program requires that beginning on or after July 1, 1985 the Reservist agrees to serve a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve (an officer must agree to serve six years in addition to any other obligation). The Reservist must have completed initial active duty for training and must already meet the requirements for a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. The Reservist must drill in a drilling Selected Reserve unit and remain a member in good standing of the unit.

Previously, an eligible Reservist was not required to contribute any part of his or her salary to the education fund account. However, Public Law 108-454 now requires that Reservists who are called to active duty and who serve on active duty for two years or more must contribute \$1200 to the education fund account within one year from the date he or she has completed two years of active duty for full eligibility.

There is a new program under 10 USC, Chapter 1607, called the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP), for members of the Selected Reserves, the Individual Ready Reserves, and the National Guard who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001. This is a combined program, jointly administered by the VA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security. Basic eligibility under 10 USC Code or 32 USC 502(f) (for National Guard), and have served duty for at least 90 consecutive days. Members who serve less than 90 consecutive days but who are released from active duty because of service-

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connected disability are also eligible. There is no fixed ending date for eligibility, except for members of the Ready Reserve who are released from active duty for disability not due to willful misconduct. In these cases, the period of eligibility ends 10 years from the date eligibility was initially established. For all others, eligibility continues so long as the member continues to serve in the same Reserve component or the National Guard, except that a member called up from the Selected Reserve would not remain eligible if the member then went into the Individual Ready Reserve.

Under Chapter 1606, a Reservist has 10 years from the date he or she first became eligible under this program to use the benefits, provided he or she remains in the Selected Reserve during this time. The 10-year period may be extended if the Reservist is unable to train because of a disability caused by service in the Selected Reserve. If the Reservist is called to active duty, the period of eligibility will be extended by the length of the period of active duty service plus four months. Even if the Reservist leaves the Selected Reserve, he or she may still have the full 10-year period of eligibility, provided:

That he or she has a disability not due to misconduct; or  
He or she was involuntarily separated under provisions of 10 U.S. Code, Section 286(b), during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1999; or  
The unit was inactivated during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1999.

An eligible Reservist is entitled to 36 months of education assistance benefits.

For certain survivors of active duty service members and veterans who met service and other requirements and who had contributed to the education fund while on active duty (even if the full \$1200 had not been contributed to the education fund at the time of death), but who died before their contributions were used, there is provision for payment of unused portion to a designated survivor (the Montgomery GI Bill death benefit). The service member must have died on active duty, in line of duty; from service-connected causes.

The amount available is reduced by any amounts already paid out for education purposes; if the full \$1200 had not yet been collected; only the amount actually collected is available. If the veteran died after service, the amount available is reduced by the amount of any accrued benefits paid or payable, whether the accrued is educational benefits or other payments.

The proper claimant for this benefit is:

1. The designated SGLI beneficiary;
2. If there is no SGLI beneficiary designated, the veteran's spouse;
3. If there is no spouse, the veteran's children, in equal shares;
4. If there is no children, the veteran's parents, in equal shares.

If there is no claimant in any of these categories, the benefit is not payable.

Exclusive jurisdiction of MGIB death benefits cases is under the VA Regional Office, PO Box 66830, St. Louis, Missouri, and claims for the MGIB death benefits should be directed there. There is no specific application, any written communication will suffice. A copy of DD-1300, Report of Casualty, or death certificate (as appropriated) should accompany the letter. If the claimant is not the designated SGLI beneficiary, proof of relationship should also be sent.

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## Education Rates and Entitlement:

FOR CURRENT RATES, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AT 1-800-827-1000

VA also provides educational benefits for Civil Service employees of the United States and certain other civilians who were rendering personal services to the United States similar to a Civil Service employee, who were taken into captivity by a hostile power because of that relationship with the United States and subsequently released. Benefits are also available to family members of persons held in captivity under such circumstances or to family members of persons who die while in captivity under such circumstances. Determinations as to eligibility under these provisions are made by the Director General of the Foreign Service, Department of State. If eligibility is established, the former captive has 10 years from the date of release from captivity to use the benefits. A spouse will become eligible for benefits from the 91st day of captivity and continuing until 10 years from the date of release of the captive or 10 years from the date of death of the captive. Children will become eligible for benefits on the 91st day of captivity, but eligibility ends the date the captive is freed or released from captivity. Further, children are not eligible for benefits beyond age 21. An eligible person under this program has 45 months of entitlement to benefits. No contributions are required.

If a person has eligibility to benefits under more than one education or training program, including also Vocational Rehabilitation or Dependents Education Assistance, the maximum amount of entitlement allowed under all programs combined is 48 months. The veteran or eligible person must elect under which program benefits are to be paid for any given course or entitlement period. All programs charge entitlement to benefits at the rate of one day of entitlement per one day of full-time training; the entitlement charges are pro-rated for training at less than full-time. Under certain circumstances, some of the programs will not make a charge against entitlement for certain types of training. The monthly rates payable vary according to the particular program, the type of training (institutional, apprenticeship, etc.), and the rate of training. Under certain circumstances, veterans training under Chapter 30 may be entitled to additional amounts for dependents, if training at the half-time rate or greater; except for veterans training under Vocational Rehabilitation, no other veterans or eligible persons are entitled to payment for dependents under any of the programs.

All of the programs allow essentially similar types of training: Degree programs at a college or university; independent courses of study; certificate programs from a trade, business, or vocational school; apprenticeship or on-the-job training programs; farm cooperative training programs; high school level programs (Chapter 32 veterans, former captives and spouses); remedial, refresher, or deficiency courses; correspondence courses; vocational flight training (except former captives and family members). None of the programs will pay benefits for self-improvement courses, courses given by radio or entirely by television, bartending courses, audited courses, repeats of courses previously successfully completed, or courses not leading to an educational, professional or vocational objective.

Jurisdiction over all education and training programs (except for Vocational Rehabilitation) is centralized, and claims for such benefits must be forwarded to the proper office of jurisdiction.

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The VA Regional Office, Baltimore, Maryland, has exclusive jurisdiction of education and training claims from former captives and their family members under Public Law 99-399 and Executive Order 12598.

All of the other programs are under the jurisdiction of one of five Regional Offices depending on the veteran's, service person's, or Reservist's address and/or place of training, as follows:

- Eastern Region—VARO Buffalo, New York
- Southern Region (includes Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands)—VARO Decatur, Georgia
- Central Region—VARO St. Louis, Missouri
- Western Region (includes all U.S. Pacific islands except for the Philippines)—  
VARO Muskogee, Oklahoma
- Republic of the Philippines—VARO Manila

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SUMMARY		
Chapter Public Law	Chapter 30 PL 98-225	Chapter 31
Common Name	Montgomery GI Bill-All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program	Vocational Rehabilitation
Eligibility Requirements	First Entered Active Duty 7-1-85 or later and completes Active Duty or 2 Yrs. Or more or who completes 2 Yrs of Active Duty and enters the Selected Reserves for 4 or more years. Certain Chapter 34 Eligibles are entitled after 12-31-89	Must have a service connected disability rated at 20 percent or more which causes a demonstrable employment handicap
Delimiting Date	Later of 10 years from date of last separation from active duty or 10 years from the date first became eligible	Later of 12 years from last separation from active duty or from the date service connection is established
Programs Allowed	Post-Secondary Programs offered at an IHL or NCD; correspondence, OJT, Apprenticeship, Co-Operative TNG, and Flight TNG Eff. 9-30-90.	Any Program deemed suitable by the Vocational Rehabilitation and counseling division.
Tutorial Assistance	Yes	Yes
Work Study	Yes	Yes
Education Loan	No	Yes
Rates and Entitlement <b>Note:</b> <b>Contact 1-800-827-1000 for current rates.</b>	Basic Rates or full-time institutional training: 2<3Yrs. Svc: 816.00 /month for 36 months 3+ Yrs. Svc or 2 yrs Act DTY and 4 Yrs SEL RES: 1004.00/month for 36 months  DOD Supplement for extended enlistment for an additional 5 Yrs: Up to \$300/month more DOD "Kickers" for persons enlisting in critical shortage skills; up to \$700/monthly added to the Basic rate to the Supplement rate	Effective 10-1-2004 Institutional TNG Full Time: 474.27/Month; 3/4 Time: 356.36/month; 1/2 Time: 238.45/Month. Subsistence Allowance is in addition to payment of tuition, fees, books, supplies, etc. <u>Additional amounts added for dependents.</u> Entitlement generally can not exceed 48 months.
Miscellaneous	Must Possess a High School Diploma or equivalent; veterans must have an honorable discharge. Service Member's Pay is reduced by \$100/month for the first 12 months of enlistment (except for Ch 34/30 converters). These pay reductions are not refundable under any circumstances. Officers who received commissions through the service academies or full ROTC Leadership after 12-31-76 are ineligible.	
Application Forms	VAF-22-1990	VAF 28-1900
Reference	DVB Circular 22-85-6	CFR 21.1—21.430

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SUMMARY			
Chapter Public Law	Chapter 32 PL 94-502	Chapter 34 PL 89-358	Chapter 35 PL 84-634
Common Name	Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)	Vietnam ERA GI Bill	Dependents and survivors Educational Assistance Program
Eligibility Requirements	Served on Active Duty for at least 181 continuous days and enlisted for the first time between 1-1-77 and 6-30-85 inclusive and signed up prior to 4-1-87 to make contributions while on active duty can dis-enroll and later re-enroll if still on active duty	Served on Active Duty for at least 181 continuous days, any part of which occurred between 2-1-55 and 12-31-76 inclusive. Includes delayed enlistment contracts signed in 1976 for active duty in 1977.	<u>Spouse and/or child or surviving spouse and/or child</u> of a veteran with a P&T service-connected disability; or who death was service connected or who was declared missing in action or whose death was service connected or who died of any cause while rated as having a P&T service-connected disability
Delimiting Date	10 years from date of last separation from active duty	Program went out of existence on 1-1-90	<u>Spouse</u> : Later of 10 yrs from P&T rating of S/C disability or death: 20 years if member died on active duty. <u>Child</u> : Later of 26 <sup>th</sup> birthday or 8 years from date of eligibility est.
Programs Allowed	High school (Veterans and in service enlisted), IHL, NCD, APP/OJT Correspondence, co-operative TNG, and Flight EFF 4-1-94.		<u>Spouse only</u> : Correspondence <u>Spouse and child</u> : High School, IHL, NCD, OJY/APP, CO-OP, Farm CO-OP
Tutorial Assistance	Yes		Yes
Work Study	Yes		Yes Effective 5-01-90
Education Loan	No		Yes Spouse/Surviving Spouse only
Rates and Entitlement <b>Note:</b> <b>Contact 1-800-827-1000 for current rates.</b>	Amount of contribution X3 plus any "Kicker" added by DOD, divided by the number of months in which contributions were made. Lump-sum contributions are treated as monthly contributions of \$100 (Veteran can elect a lesser monthly calculation). Entitlement equals number of months in which contributions were made payment for persons on active duty is the same as for veterans (T&F)		Institutional TRNG (Eff 10-1-04) Full Time—\$803 Monthly ¾ Time—\$603 Monthly ½ Time—\$401 Monthly Less than ½ time and greater than ¼ time—tuition and fees are not to exceed \$401; \$200.75 for ¼ time Monthly. Entitlement is 45 months of full time training or the equivalent in part time

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Miscellaneous	Most veterans must complete the shorter of 24 months continuous active duty or the full period called to active duty (Exceptions: Medical, hardship, and convenience of the government discharges) service person must complete the lesser of 6 yrs or the first obligated period	Individuals with eligibility for Chapter 34 who were on active duty on 10-19-84, and who remained on active duty through 6-30-88 may be eligible for benefits under Chapter 30	Not to exceed 31 <sup>st</sup> birthday  Child is not eligible prior to 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday unless they have passed the age of compulsory education and not in a regular high school program.
Application Forms	VAF 22-1990		VAF 22-5490
Reference	CFR 21.500 Series		CFR 21.4000 Series
<b>EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SUMMARY</b>			
Chapter Public Law	Chapter 1606 PL-98-525	Section 901 PL 96-342	Section 903 PL 96-342
Common Name	Educational Assistance for the Selective Reserve	Educational Assistance Test Program	Educational Assistance Pilot PGM ( <u>Non-Contributory VEAP</u> )
Eligibility Requirements	<u>Officer:</u> Added 6 Yrs to their current obligation after 6-30-85 <u>Enlisted:</u> Enlisted, reenlisted or extended their enlistment for a 6-yr period after 6-30-85	Enlisted or re-enlisted in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines between 11-01-80 and 9-31-81 inclusive, or entered a delayed enlistment Contract during that period and entered active duty prior to 10-01-82	Same as for Section 901 plus must not be eligible for Chapter 34
Delimiting Date	Earlier of the date after separation from the selected reserve of 10 years from the date first eligible.	<u>Veterans:</u> 10 years from date of last separation from active duty <u>Dependents:</u> 10 years from date of Vets death; otherwise same as veteran's	10 Years from date of last separation from Active Duty
Programs Allowed	Post-second, PGM, AT, AN IHL: EFF. 10-1-90:	In-Resident training offered in the U.S. and it's possessions	IHL, NCD, OJT/APP, Co-

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	Coop TNG, APPT, OJT, Voc/Tech TRNG. Programs at an NCD. Corresp. TNG. EFF 9-30-90 to 9-30-94 FLT EFF 11-30-93 Graduate Training	by accredited post-secondary institutions except remedial and deficiency courses	operative, Farm co-operative, correspondence and flight effective 4-1-91 to 9-30-94
Tutorial Assistance	Yes Effective 10-29-92	No	No
Work Study	Yes Effective 5-01-90	No	Yes
Education Loan	No	No	No
Rates and Entitlement <b>Note:</b> <b>Contact 1-800-827-1000 for current rates.</b>	Full Time: \$288 per month ¾ Time: \$216.00 per month ½ Time: \$143.00 per month Less than ½ time \$71.75 per month Entitlement is 36 months Effective 10-01-2004	Educational Subsistence allowance: Effective 10-01-2000 Full time \$878 per month Less than full time \$439 per month  Education Assistance Allowance: Effective 10-01-2000 Cost of Tuition, Fees, Books, and Supplies up to \$3524 per academic year (9 months)	Same as for Chapter 32 except that payments are based on the amount of contributions made by DOD on the participants behalf
Miscellaneous	Must earn a high school diploma or equiv before completing initial active duty for training or before completing a re-enlistment or extended enlistment until 10-1-90 A Baccalaureate Degree is a BAR. Must enlist, re-enlist, or extend enlistment for a 6-Yr period after 10-01-90	Must Possess High School Diploma or Equivalent Must serve 24 months of active duty or full period of enlistment (DOD may add other requirements) <u>Participants may transfer Entitlement to spouse or children</u> <u>Claims are processed by Waco, TX</u> <u>Use Payee "01" to find payments on the Tinq Screen</u>	Transfer of entitlement to dependents is allowed  <u>Claims are processed by the students VARO</u>  <u>Use Payee "03" to find payments on the Tinq Screen</u>
Application Forms	VAF 22-1990	22-8889	22-1990
Reference	DVB CIR 20-85-19	CFR 21.5290, DVB CIR 20-77-25 APPENDIX K	DVB CIR 20-77-25, APPENDIX K

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Chapter Public Law	Omnibus Diplomatic Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 PL 99-399	Section 156 PL 97-377
Common Name	Hostage Relief Act	Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors

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Eligibility Requirements	Individuals in the Civil Service of the U.S. and individuals who rendered personal SVC to the U.S. similar to civil SVC persons who have been placed in captive status because of hostile action resulting from the individuals relationship with the U.S.	Surviving spouses or children or armed forces members who died while on active duty prior to 8-13-81 <u>or of</u> veterans who died of service connected causes incurred or aggravated prior to 8-13-82
Delimiting Date	<u>Former Captive:</u> 10 yrs from date of release from captivity <u>Spouse:</u> The Earlier of above or 10 years from date of death <u>also see MISC below</u>	<u>Child:</u> Eligible from age 18 to 22 <u>Spouse:</u> Only when has child under their care between age 16 to 18
Programs Allowed	Same as Chapter 35	Full time training in a post-secondary school
Tutorial Assistance	No	No
Work Study	No	No
Education Loan	No	No
Rates and Entitlement <b>Note:</b> <b>Contact 1-800-827-1000 for current rates.</b>	Payments Rates: Same as Chapter 35  Entitlement: 45 months  Effective Dates of payments <u>Former Captive:</u> No earlier than the date of release from captivity <u>Dependents:</u> No earlier than 90 days after the date the individual became a captive	Based on Social Security Administration rate tables Claimant's earned income may be a factor.
Miscellaneous	VARO Baltimore handles all claims processing <u>Application is by letter to:</u> DIR GEN OF THE FOREIGN SVC DEPT OF STATE WASHINGTON DC 20520 <u>NOTE:</u> Delimiting date for Dep. Child is same as for spouse except may not exceed child's 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday	Program Temporarily restores social security benefits eliminated by PL 97-35 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981). Regional Office having jurisdiction of the veteran's records makes initial eligibility determination.  St. Louis Regional Office Processes Payments
Application Forms	See "Miscellaneous Above"	21-8924 & 8938
Reference	DVB CIR 20-89-17	DVB CIR 20-83-16



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	Disabled members released before 90 days are eligible for the 40% rate.
Application Forms	
Reference	

### Post 9/11 GI Bill

VA will start accepting applications May 1, 2009 for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The application form is available online. This requires an irrevocable election from their existing program to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Typically individuals who are eligible for more than one benefit may use a combined total of 48 months of entitlement. The number of months of Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement you will be eligible for will be equal to the number of months remaining under Ch 30 MGIB. All others apply the 48 month rule. However, if you exhaust all of your MGIB entitlement, then you may be entitled up to 12 additional months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Starting May 1, 2009 VA will begin processing applications for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and you will receive a letter explaining VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program. Payments for the Post-9/11 GI Bill will not be processed until August 1, 2009. The Processing Center in GA. can be called by dialing 1-888-442-4551.

#### Benefit

Individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. However, if discharged for Pre-existing Medical Condition (EPTS), Hardship or Condition that Interfered with Duty (CIWD), it does not have to be a straight Honorable. The Post-9/11 GI Bill will become effective for training on or after August 1, 2009.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays up to the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees. You may have tuition and fees that exceed that amount if you are attending a private institution, graduate school or attending in an out-of-state status.

#### Am I Eligible?

- Only individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate (based on service requirements) may receive this funding. Therefore, you may be eligible if:
- You served an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;
- You were honorably discharged from active duty for a service connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001;
- You are a dependent eligible for Transfer of Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a veteran's service under the eligibility criteria listed above.

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## Payment Breakout NC Rates

This program will pay eligible individuals:

- tuition & fees directly to the school not to exceed the maximum in-state tuition (\$482.50 per credit hour) & fees at a public Institution of Higher Learning (\$2,045.50 per term).
- a monthly housing allowance based on the Basic Allowance for Housing for an E-5 with dependents at the location of the school. (27529 = \$1,102.00)
- Books & Supplies stipend of \$41.67 per credit hour up to 24 credit hours per year.
- a one-time rural benefit (\$500.00) payment for eligible individuals.

\*Processing Center will give the applicable % on each payment due to time served after 9/10/2001.

This benefit is payable only for training at an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL).

**If you are enrolled exclusively in online training you will not receive the housing allowance.**

**If you are enrolled at 50% or less "rate of pursuit" you will not get the housing allowance. If you are on active duty you will not receive the housing allowance or books & supplies stipend.**

This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally benefits are payable for 15 years following your release from active duty.

## Factors to Consider

- The costs of college and housing (which you would receive payment for under the Post-9/11 GI Bill) are less than the payment you would receive under the Montgomery GI Bill.
- If veterans do not have to pay tuition at selected state colleges. The Post-9/11 GI Bill may then pay only the housing benefit and the book stipend. Your payments under other GI Bill programs such as the Active-Duty GI Bill may be higher in these cases.
- If you are eligible for a college fund under other GI Bill programs, you will continue to receive your college fund payments. Rather than receiving them monthly, you will be paid a lump sum payment each quarter, semester, or term that you are enrolled.
- If you participated in the \$600 buy-up under the Montgomery GI Bill or REAP you will not receive that additional benefit under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

## Yellow Ribbon Program

The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50% of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution.

## Agreements under Yellow Ribbon

- **The Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) must agree to:**
- Provide contributions to eligible individuals who apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program on a first-come first-served basis, regardless of the rate at which the individual is pursuing training in any given academic year;

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- Provide contributions during the current academic year and all subsequent academic years in which the student maintains satisfactory progress, conduct, and attendance;
- Make contributions toward the program on behalf of the individual in the form of a grant, scholarship, etc;
- State the dollar amount that will be contributed for each participant during the academic year;
- State the maximum number of individuals for whom contributions will be made in any given academic year.

If you are enrolled at a Yellow Ribbon participating institution and the tuition and fees exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition or fees, additional funds may be available for your education program without an additional charge to your entitlement. You must be enrolled in an approved program offered by an IHL. You may search for institutions that are participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program on June 1, 2009 on [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). Benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date.

### Pay Difference

- The difference of the amount charged to the student and what has been paid by VA as educational assistance. The following steps are provided to determine the difference for one student:
  - Student's enrolled credit hours reported by the institution to the VA x Maximum Credit Hour Charge for the State = Maximum Tuition Payable.
  - Compare the Maximum Tuition Payable with the amount charged the student. VA will pay the institution the lesser amount
  - Compare the Maximum Single Term Fees for your State with what you have charged the student. VA will pay the institution the lesser amount.
  - Add the amounts VA has paid for tuition and fees and compare that with the total amount charged to the student. Institution charges that exceed what has already been paid by VA are the difference that could be applied to the Yellow Ribbon Program.
  - Determine how much of the difference, up to one-half of that amount, that the institution will agree to cover with funds of the institution and the VA will match that amount

### Yellow Ribbon Example

The student enrolled in 12 credit hours during the Fall term and the institution charged the student \$5,000 for tuition and \$1,200 in fees. The Maximum Charge Per Credit Hour for the State = \$250 and the Maximum Fees for a single term = \$1,000:

- 12 credit hours x \$250 = \$3,000 - VA will pay \$3,000 of the \$5,000 tuition charged
- VA will pay \$1,000 of the \$1,200 fees charged
- VA has paid \$4,000 of the \$6,200 charged the student. \$2,200 could be applied to the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Your institution can choose to contribute up to \$1,100 of this amount and VA will match that contribution.

# Training Module 14

## Application Procedures

Schools that intend to participate in the Yellow Ribbon program will establish application procedures for eligible students. The school will determine the maximum number of students that may participate in the program and the percent of tuition that will be contributed. VA is currently accepting agreements from institutions for participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program. You may wish to inquire at your school about their intent to participate and the application procedures they plan to establish for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Please remember that you must be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100% rate to be considered for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

## Raleigh NC Amounts

- Max Tuition - \$482.50/credit hour
- Max Fees - \$2,045.00/term (semester)
- Books & Supplies stipend of \$41.67 per credit hour up to 24 credit hours per year.
- BAH (E-5 with dependents) \$1,102.00/month

<b>Active Duty completed after September 10, 2001</b>	<b>Percentage of Maximum Amount Payable</b>
<b>At least 36 months</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service connected disability</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>30 months to 36 months</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>24 months to 30 months</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>18 months to 24 months</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>12 months to 18 months</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>6 months to 12 months</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>90 days to 6 months</b>	<b>40%</b>