

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Eligibility for Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) and “Kicker” Incentive Benefits for ROTC/SMP Cadets

PART I Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

1. References:

- a. AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements, dated 26 Sep 17.
 - b. Army Regulation 135-200, Active Duty for Missions, Projects, and Training for Reserve Component Soldiers, Chapter 5, Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), 20 October 2020.
 - c. Army Regulation 601-210, Regular Army and Army Reserve Components Enlistment Program, Paragraph 9-14d(7)(b), Reserve Officers’ Training Corps/Simultaneous Membership Program (ROTC/SMP), 31 August 2016.
2. Soldiers that contract for the ROTC/SMP program must first complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) as an enlisted member in order to qualify for benefits under Chapter 1606 (Educational Assistance for Members of the Selected Reserve).
3. IADT is defined as successful completion of a BCT and AIT Program and Qualify in an MOS. Also, the period required to qualify in the selected MOS. Non-prior service (NPS) enlisted personnel will be ordered to IADT for this required period to become qualified in basic soldiering skills and in the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for which enlisted.
4. Reference 1c, paragraph 9-14d(7)(b), provides specific guidance concerning “Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve Service” (MGIB-SR) entitlement for ROTC/SMP cadets. “A Soldier enlisted as a potential participant is entitled to enrollment in the MGIB if he or she completes or has completed initial entry training, has been awarded an MOS, and meets the eligibility criteria of chapters 5 and 8 prior to enrollment in the ROTC Advanced Course. ROTC/SMP participants who have completed BCT and have been coded as 09R are not eligible for UASR MGIB.”
5. **Special Reporting Code** (09R) is NOT by definition, a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and does not serve as verification the Soldier/Cadet has completed Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) (both Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training). Special Reporting Codes can be found in DA Pamphlet 611-21, Chapter 14 via Smartbook located on the milSuite website.

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6. A Non-Prior Service (NPS) enlisted Soldier must obtain (be awarded) a valid MOS in order to receive Chapter 1606 Basic Benefits. If a NPS applicant enlists at MEPS as a ROTC/SMP cadet (09R) or Commissioned Officer Candidate (09S), the Soldier IS NOT eligible for Chapter 1606.

7. Please note that ROTC Basic and Advance Camps DO NOT qualify as IADT.

PART II ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker

1. In order for a Cadet to be eligible for the ROTC/SMP Kicker, the Soldier must first be eligible for the Chapter 1606 Basic Benefit (see paragraph 2 above).

2. The authorized amount for the ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker is \$350.00. A Soldier already receiving a MOS Kicker (\$100-\$200) can receive the increased amount of the ROTC/SMP Kicker upon contracting to become a Cadet. However, if the Soldier received a \$350 kicker upon enlistment, the kicker amount will not be increased.

3. Once it is determined that a Soldier is now a ROTC/SMP Cadet, the ROTC/SMP Kicker request must be submitted via Reserve Component Manpower System (RCMS) ePAT/eACTIONS application. Also, request that the “ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker (\$350) Eligibility Checklist” be scanned and emailed to: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib-support@mail.mil

4. Documents required for ROTC/SMP MGIB Kicker:

a. DD Form 214 (course completion certificate for completion of MOS producing course; order awarding MOS). These documents should be filed in the Soldier’s Army Military Human Resources Record (AMHRR) / iPERMS.

The following documents are not permanent, are not maintained in the AMHRR/iPERMS, and are NOT required to be sent to HRC-Ft. Knox Education Incentives Branch (EIB) GI Bill Team:

- b. DA Form 4824-R
- c. DA Form 597
- d. DA Form 5435-1-R

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5. If a Cadet voluntarily leaves or does not successfully complete the ROTC/SMP Program, and has a previously contracted kicker rate at the lower \$100/\$200 rate, may continue to receive their kicker at the lower rate as long as they return to an MOS qualified status in a kicker eligible position or unit. Kicker payments erroneously received while a participating member of the ROTC/SMP Program are subject to recoupment.

6. For further information, contact the HRC Ft. Knox GI Bill Team at:
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