

#### **United States Army Human Resources Command**



# Education Incentives Branch (EIB) Overview Brief

#### <u>Purpose</u>

To provide overview of new and pending changes to the GI Bill education benefit program.

#### <u>Agenda</u>

Introduction
GI Bill Action Items
Post 9/11 GI Bill Major Changes
Questions/Comments

EIB, SPSD, TAGD, AHRC 22 August 2023



#### Post 9/11 GI Bill TEB

 Soldiers earn the Post 9/11 GI Bill for their use; HOWEVER, the associated Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) is a <u>Retention Incentive much like the</u> <u>Army's service bonus program</u>!!!

#### \*Soldiers must be aware of the difference!\*

- 2. Delaying TEB may result in not being able to participate in the program!
- 3. Requesting TEB is Too Easy via milConnect Website! Takes 15 minutes!!
- 4. General Info -
  - ➤ TEB belongs to Soldier not Martial Property!
  - > TEB ASO is a **one-time** charge.
  - ➤ Once approved, unlimited changes while serving.
  - Must allocate at least 1 month to each eligible dependent or be barred from doing so after leaving the service. Also, PUSH OUT all but 1 month to dependents.
- 5. MUST complete 4 years by law **DO NOT** get out early!
- 6. When in doubt "Email A Friend"!
  - First visit the Education Office!
  - > RA and USAR Soldiers email <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@army.mil</u>
  - > ARNG Soldiers call Help Line 1-888-ARNG-EDU or email <a href="mailto:arng.esc.ch33@army.mil">arng.esc.ch33@army.mil</a>

## **TAKE AWAY:** TEB early / fulfill 4-year ASO!

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## **GI Bill Programs**



NOTE. OF BIII program is divided into 3 sub programs — rost 3/11 of Biii, Montgomery of Biii-Active Buty & Montgomery of Biii-Select Reserve				
As of 14 Jul 23	Post-9/11 GI Bill (PGIB)	Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB also called MGIB-AD)	Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserves (MGIB-SR)	
Codification	Chapter 33, 38 USC	Chapter 30, 38 USC	Chapter 1606, 10 USC	
Program Effective Date	1 Aug 2009     Payments not retroactive	•1 July 1985 to present •Remains in effect	•1 July 1985 to present •Remains in effect	
Eligibility Requirement	Min 90 AD days qualifying service time for 50% Payable Rate / NO Fee to participate 90-1095 aggregate qual AD days after 10 Sep 01 Qual AD Svc: 10 USC 688, 12301(a)/ (d)/(g)/(h), 12302, 12304; 12304a; 12304b; 32 USC 502(f) as AGR or Operation Noble Eagle (11 Sep 2001-31 May 2002) No buy-up Eligibility for Transfer to Dependent (Retention Incentive):  Must have 6 qualifying years RA and/or RC (50+ points/yr) Service Time  By-Law, one-time 4-year svc commitment/obligation  NO negative action flag  Purple Heart Special Exemptions (eff 31 Aug 18)  NOT ELIGIBLE to TEB while in IDES Process / must be "Fit for Duty"	*2-3 year continuous Active Duty     *\$100 pre-tax pay deduction for a max \$1200 pre-tax pay required program contribution     *Buy-Up Still Available @ \$20 increments for \$600 (max contribution)     *Kicker (Army College Fund) offered only via     Enlistment Contract (Army suspended program in March 2012)     *NOT ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER TO DEPENDENTS	•6-year SELRES contract  •No contribution required  •No buy-up allowed  •Kicker offered only via contract  •NOT ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER TO  DEPENDENTS	
Benefits	*36 months, but 50% to 100% payable rates based on # qual AD days     *Tuition & fees paid directly to school     *Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) stipend paid to Student (Vet or Dependent)     *Annual Book & Supplies stipend (\$1K) to Student (Vet or Dependent)     *Discharged or REFRAD before 1 Jan 2013 – Have 15-year delimiting date to use benefits before they are lost     *Discharged or REFRAD on/after 1 Jan 2013 – Have FOREVER (no delimiting date) to use benefits but children age out of program at age 26 (no longer a Dependent).	VA pays Soldier directly: Contact VA for latest reimbursement rates Rates subject to change by VA  10-year delimiting date from Separation to use benefits before they are lost	As of 1 Oct 2021 - monthly rates up to \$407     VA pays Soldier directly     No delimit date, but can only use while in SELRES status (i.e., TPU, IMA)      **Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)     was sunset by NDAA on 25 Nov 15/	



#### **Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)**



#### - CONTACT A FRIEND -

#### **DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER POST 9/11 GI BILL TEB WEBSITE**

https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (DVA) GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

VA Help Line: 1-888-442-4551

VA General Information Website: http://www.benefits.va.gov

Accessing VA Education Benefits: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/">https://www.va.gov/education/</a>

Yellow Ribbon Participating Schools: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/">https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/</a>

GI Bill Comparison Tool: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/">https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/</a>

## REGULAR ARMY & U.S. ARMY RESERVE – INCENTIVES PROGRAMS GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

Post 9/11 GI Bill & MGIB-AD Email Group Box: <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@army.mil</u>

MGIB-SR Email Group Box: <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib@army.mil</u>

Regular Army Loan Repayment Program Email Group Box: <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-pdeei@army.mil</u>

HRC Website – GI Bill: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/GI%20Bill%20Programs

HRC Website – RA LRP: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Loan%20Repayment%20Program

## ARMY NATIONAL GUARD – GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

Incentives Help Line: 1-888-ARNG-EDU

ARNG GI Bill Email Drop Box: arng.esc.ch33@army.mil





# Post 9/11 GI Bill

# Soldier Eligibility



## **Qualifying Active Duty**



#### \*AFTER 10 Sep 2001 AND \*\*COLMERY ACT CHANGE

Code	Description		
10 USC*	*Regular Service		
10 USC 688*	*Vol and Invol Retiree Recall		
10 USC 12301(a)*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for War or National Emergency declared by Congress; ALL Reserve Components; domestic emergencies also		
10 USC 12301(d)*	*Vol Mobilization/Contingency // Vol Active Duty Training (ADT) // Vol Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) // Vol Active Duty Operational Support-Reserve Component (ADOS-RC)		
10 USC 12301(g)*	*POW/MIA; Captive status as a member of the Armed Forces who is in a missing status per section 551(2) of title 37 as a result of hostile action		
10 USC 12301(h)**	**Medical Hold; Service performed on/after 11 Sep 2001; VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)		
10 USC 12302*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for National Emergency declared by the President up to 1 million Ready Reserve up to 24 consecutive months; domestic emergencies also		
10 USC 12304*	*Invol Mob/Contingency to augment Active Forces declared by the President up to 200,000 Selected Reserve up to 365 days; not for domestic emergencies		
*10 USC 12304a**	**SELRES: Partial Activation; Major Disaster of Emergency; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)		
*10 USC 12304b**	**SELRES: Order to Active Duty for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands; Contingency Operation; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)		
32 USC 502(f)*	*Operation Noble Eagle 11 Sep 2001-31 May 2002		

32 USC 502(f)\*

\*AGR at State Level



#### **Basic Eligibility**



Individuals with qualifying Active Duty service o/a 11 Sep 2001 who:

- Serve an <u>aggregate</u> period of <u>90 days to 36 months</u>
  - > 90<sup>th</sup> <u>qualifying</u> day of service after "entry level and skill training" completion which Public Law 110-252 defines as:
    - Basic Combat Training (BCT) & Advanced Individual Training (AIT)
    - One-Station Unit Training (OSUT)
  - ➤ OSUT completed prior to 4 Jan 2011 counts as qualifying service per VA
  - ➤ If BCT/AIT or OSUT completed before 11 Sep 2001, eligible 90 days o/a 11 Sep 2001
  - ➤ If aggregate Active Duty service is less than 24 months, BCT/AIT, or OSUT completed on/after 4 Jan 2011 does not count as qualifying Active Duty
- Serve at least 30 continuous days and discharge from Active Duty due to a service-connected <u>disability</u>
- Receive a Purple Heart (earned or awarded on/after 11 Sep 2001 during honorable service) qualify for usage on/after 1 Aug 2018 at the 100% payable rate
  - Even when Soldier has a non-qualifying period such as:
    - 5-year Additional Service Obligation for a Service Academy commission,
    - 4-year Additional Service Obligation for ROTC Scholarship commission under 10 USC 2107(b)
    - 3-year Additional Service Obligation for LRP under 10 USC Chapter 109



## **Basic Eligibility (more)**



- Continue on Active Duty or in Selected Reserve
- Fully honorable discharge from Armed Forces
  - > Released for further service in a reserve component
  - Placed on retired list/temporary disability retired list
  - Transferred to Fleet Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve or to Fleet Marine Corps Reserve



## **Active Duty Exclusions**



The below periods of service do not count as qualifying service for the Post 9/11 GI Bill:

- Service Academy contract period
  - > 5-years of non-qualifying service (after RA commission)
    - unless Purple Heart recipient o/a 11 Sep 2001 and for usage o/a 1 Aug 2018
- ROTC scholarship (10 USC, 2107(b)) contract period
  - ➤ 4-years of non-qualifying service
    - unless Purple Heart recipient o/a 11 Sep 2001 and for usage o/a 1 Aug 2018
- Loan Repayment Program contract period
  - 3-years of non-qualifying service (after BASD)
    - unless Purple Heart recipient o/a 11 Sep 2001 and for usage o/a 1 Aug 2018
- Service terminated due to an erroneous or defective enlistment



## Other Exclusions (more)



The below periods of service do not count as qualifying service for the Post 9/11 GI Bill:

- Annual Training (AT) conducted under 10 USC 10147 or 12301(b)
- IRR in a non-Active Duty status
- NOTE: Effective 1 Oct 2011 (payable), Title 32, Full-Time National Guard Duty in 502f status (some exceptions apply) was deemed as qualifying service backdated to 11 Sep 2001



## Conversion to Post 9/11 GI Bill (CH33)



Once converted to CH33, the decision is irrevocable.

CH1606 or CH1607\* conversion to CH33: Individuals converting to CH33 from the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (CH1606) or REAP (CH1607)\* will be limited to their remaining unused CH1606 or CH1607\* entitlement.

(\*REAP sunset eff 25 Nov 15; must have converted before 25 Nov 15).

# CONVERT GI BILL?

CH30 exhausted / conversion to CH33: Individuals with qualifying CH33 service who have exhausted 36 months of CH30 entitlements may be eligible for up to 12 months of CH33 (see next slide).

CH30 NOT exhausted / conversion to CH33: Individuals with qualifying CH33 service who have not exhausted 36 months of CH30 and convert to CH33 will be limited to their remaining CH30 entitlement up to 36 months.\*

\*BO vs Wilkie, in U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, was decided 15 Aug 2019 and remanded the case to VA for further consideration which may result in more GI Bill months for Service Members.



#### 48-Month Rule



- Per VA: If you used all your benefits under another GI Bill program, you <u>may</u> be eligible for more benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. You must have <u>more than one</u> <u>period</u> of qualifying service to be eligible for this additional benefit.
- Per VA: You cannot receive more than 48 months of benefits under any combination of VA education programs, for example: MGIB-AD and Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Two periods of service are required
- Both periods of service must be <u>fully honorable</u>
- A <u>break in service is not required</u> (can be enlistment and reenlistment)
- Two examples are provided on next two slides



#### 48-Month Rule—Break in Service



- Example 1 (assuming MGIB-AD eligibility):
  - You had two periods of qualifying service:
    - first period: 10 Nov 2000 9 Nov 2004 and
    - second period: 25 May 2005 24 May 2008
  - You received an <u>honorable discharge from both</u> enlistments
  - You <u>exhausted</u> your 36 months of MGIB-AD
  - ➤ You are eligible for up to an additional 12 months of Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - You used the first enlistment to qualify for MGIB-AD and the second enlistment to qualify for up to 12 additional months of Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - Remember: You cannot receive more than 48 months of benefits under any combination of VA education programs, for example: MGIB-AD and Post 9/11 GI Bill



#### 48-Month Rule—No Break in Service



- Example 2 (assuming MGIB-AD eligibility):
  - You had two consecutive periods of qualifying service:
    - first period: 10 May 2001 10 May 2005
    - second period: 11 May 2005 11 May 2009
  - You received an <u>honorable discharge</u> from <u>both</u> enlistments
  - You <u>exhausted</u> your 36 months of MGIB-AD
  - ➤ You are eligible for up to an additional 12 months of Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - ➤ You used the first enlistment to qualify for MGIB-AD and the second enlistment to qualify for up to 12 additional months of Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - ➤ Remember: You cannot receive more than 48 months of benefits under any combination of VA education programs, for example: MGIB-AD and Post 9/11 GI Bill



## Vocational Rehabilitation (Voc Rehab)

## and GI Bills

- Previous VA interpretation (5 Dec 15 21 Sep 16):
  - ➤ VA approved Veteran's request for 36+ months of Voc Rehab (38 USC Chapter 31) and 48 months of GI Bill education benefits
- Current VA interpretation (after 21 Sep 16 present):
  - ➤ VA does not approve 36+ months of Voc Rehab and 48 months of GI Bill; instead Veteran is allowed up to 48 months combination of these benefits (when eligible)
  - VA requires SM to have at least one month of PGIB (so TEB up to 35 months) for VA to pay PGIB housing rate instead of Voc Rehab subsistence rate
- VA General Council has ruled statutory limitations are ambiguous and debatable, so VA processing of Voc Rehab and GI Bill benefits may change again
  - > 38 USC 3695(a) benefits: VEAP, MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, REAP, and PGIB



#### **Basic Eligibility Expiration –**



#### 15-Year Delimiting or "Forever"

- Benefits authorized for up to <u>15 years</u> from <u>last discharge from</u> <u>Active Duty or release from Active Duty (REFRAD) before 1</u> Jan 2013:
  - ➤ Regular Army Soldier: last discharge, separation, or retirement date +15 yrs
  - Reserve Component Soldier: last discharge or REFRAD is not always their separation or retirement date, but may have been a date served years earlier
    - Example: USAR Soldier was REFRAD on 20 Aug 10, but retired 5 Apr 15. So,
       USAR Soldier remains eligible for PGIB until 20 Aug 25, not 5 Apr 30
- 15-year delimiting period may be reset after a Soldier serves a period of <u>90 continuous</u> PGIB qualifying AD days (or 30 continuous PGIB qualifying AD days with a service-connected disability); VA determines "delimiting period"
- Eff 1 Aug 2018: "forever" does not apply to everyone
  - ▶ Up to 36 months of PGIB will continue "forever" with last discharge from Active Duty or REFRAD of 90 continuous PGIB qualifying days (or 30 continuous PGIB qualifying AD days with a service-connected disability) that qualify for PGIB on/after 1 Jan 2013
    - "continuous" applies in this section when recalculating delimiting period





# Post 9/11 GI Bill

# Soldier Benefit



#### **Percentage Payable**



#### Post 9/11 GI Bill Percentage Payable eff 1 August 2020 – Present After 10 Sep 2001, Soldier serves (\*does not include "entry level and skill Percentage Payable Rate training"): At least 36 months (or Purple Heart recipient eff 11 Sep 2001 or later for courses on/after 1 Aug 2018) 100% (1095+ days) At least 30 continuous days on Active Duty 100% (Must be discharged from Active Duty due to service-connected disability) At least 30 months, but less than 36 months 90% (910-1,094 days) At least 24 months, but less than 30 months 80% (730-909 days) \*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months 70% (545-729 days)

\*At least 6 months, but less than 18 months

\*At least 90 days, but less than 6 months

60% (180-544 days)

50% (90-179 days)



#### **Active Duty Benefits**



- Maximum payment for Soldiers may not exceed maximum amount charged in-state tuition and fees at a public school
  - ➤ 1 Aug 2011: will pay in-state graduate rate for grad school/higher
  - Prorated by percentage of benefit and course load
  - Paid directly to the school
- AD Soldiers do not receive housing stipend thru GI Bill
  - > Already receive housing entitlement (BAH) thru AD status
- Books and supplies stipend up to \$1000 annually
  - Effective 1 Oct 2011 for AD Soldiers
  - Paid directly to the Soldier
- See other slide for PGIB Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)



## Non-Active Duty/Veteran Benefits



- Maximum payment for Non-Active Duty/Veteran may not exceed maximum amount charged <u>in-state</u> tuition/fees at a public school
  - ➤ 1 Aug 2011: will pay in-state graduate rate for grad school/higher
  - Prorated by percentage of benefit and course load
  - Paid directly to the school
- Monthly housing stipend @ E-5 w/dependent BAH rate
  - ➤ On-campus: zip code student physically attends majority of classes
  - ➤ Distance Learning (1 Oct 2011): based on ½ BAH national avg
  - NOT received for attendance of half time or less.
  - Prorated for more than half-time to full-time
  - Paid directly to the Veteran
- Books and supplies stipend up to \$1000 annually
  - Paid directly to the Veteran
- See other slide for PGIB Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)



#### Bachelor, Master or Ph.D.



#### Educational Objectives (See 38 CFR 21.4230(b).)

(1) General. An educational objective leads to the awarding of a diploma, degree, or certificate which reflects educational attainment as distinguished from a certificate or a license to practice a profession or trade. The objective will be the name of the highest degree, diploma, or certificate included in the program, such as a GED (General Educational Development) certificate, high school diploma, bachelor degree, master degree, or Ph.D. degree.



#### Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)



- Participating schools (public and private) may voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition and fees that exceed the authorized in-state rates
- May be used to pay the difference between in-state and non-resident tuition and fees (if qualified)
- Available to Veteran, Vet Spouse, or Child who are eligible at the 100% payable rate
- Available to Purple Heart (PH) recipients (earned PH o/a 11 Sep 2001)
   per Colmery Act, Sec 103
- Not available to Active Duty (and Active Duty Spouses) who are eligible at the 100% payment rate, unless Soldier earned a PH o/a 11 Sep 2001 per Colmery Act, Sec 103
  - ➤ BUT will become <u>eligible 1 Aug 2022</u> per Colmery Act, Section 104, for Active Duty (and Spouses) who are eligible at 100% payable rate and enrolled "more than half-time"
- Not all schools have YRP agreements with VA, so verify school's eligibility on VA website, <a href="https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\_ribbon.asp">https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\_ribbon.asp</a>



#### **Non-Degree Programs**



- May use PGIB benefit for Non-Degree Programs, such as:
  - ➤ Vocational/Technical Training: HVAC Certification, truck driving, EMT Certification, Barber/Beauty School, etc.
  - OJT & Apprenticeship Training: hotel mgt; firefighter, plumber, etc.
  - > Flight Training: flight engineer, dual-engine qualification, etc.
  - Correspondence Training: receive lessons in the mail
  - Cooperative Training: school training program
  - Entrepreneurship Training: by Small Business Development Center
  - Independent and Distance Learning
  - Licensing and National Testing Programs
  - > Tutorial Assistance: see next slide
- Available to Soldier, Veteran, and Dependent
- Payments and qualifications vary by program, so visit <a href="https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911\_gibill.asp">https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911\_gibill.asp</a>



#### **Tutorial Assistance**



- Submit VA Form 22-1990t for Tutorial Assistance
- Only paid for attendance at an approved institution for an approved program
- Available to Soldier, Veteran, and Dependent
- Requirements:
  - ➤ Professor or Tutor certifies the tutoring is necessary for the individual to complete his or her program of education successfully
  - ➤ Individual is enrolled in and pursuing a postsecondary program of education at least half-time
  - Course is required as part of, or is a prerequisite to the satisfactory pursuit of an approved program of education



#### **Election to Use Post 9/11 GI Bill**



## (Usage by the Soldier)

Soldiers who feel they meet the basic eligibility criteria for Post 9/11 GI Bill may apply to VA in one of the following options:

- OPTION 1: Apply online at VA.GOV
  - no longer VONAPP nor VETS.GOV
- OPTION 2: Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person.
- OPTION 3: Consult with the School Certifying Official for VA benefits (usually in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office) at the school of your choice. This official has application form and can help you apply.
- OPTION 4: Call 1-888-GI-BILL (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.



#### **Election to Use Post 9/11 GI Bill**



## (Usage by the Soldier)

#### OPTION 1: Apply online at VA.GOV

- no longer VONAPP nor VETS.GOV
- Will receive a confirmation #
- Print a copy for your records

OPTION 2: Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person.

# APPLY FOR BENEFITS – VA Form 22-1990

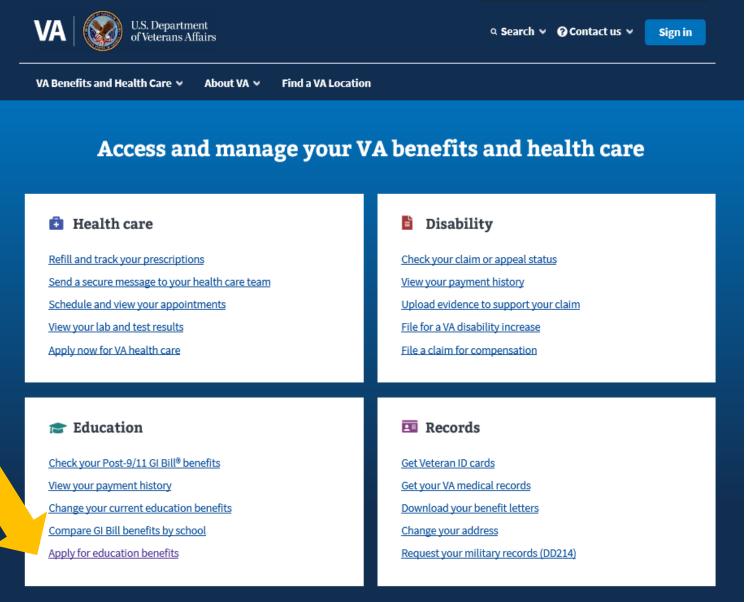
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OPTION 4: Call 1-888-GI-BILL (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.

- Check Block 9A if no previous MGIB eligibility
- Check Block 9F if converting from another GI Bill
- VA will issue a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) to the eligible Soldier





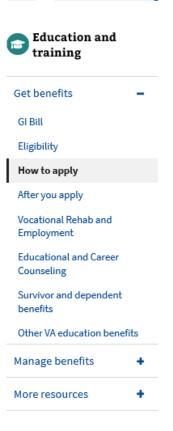








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# How to apply for the GI Bill and related benefits

Find out how to apply for the GI Bill and other VA education benefits as a Veteran, service member, or qualified family member.

## How do I prepare before starting my application?

- Find out if you're eligible for VA education benefits
- Gather the documents and information listed below that you'll need to apply for education benefits.
- See what benefits you'll get at the school you want to attend.
   Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool

**Note:** To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (also called Chapter 31) or educational and career counseling (also called Chapter 36) benefits and services, you'll need to use a different application.

Find out how to apply for Vocational Rehab and Employment Learn more about Educational and Career Counseling

#### What documents and information do I need to





# What documents and information do I need to apply?

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information
- · Education and military history
- Basic information about the school or training facility you want to attend or are attending now

#### How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

Find your education benefits form 🔻

#### You can also apply:

#### By mail

Call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (888-442-4551), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET, to request that we send the application to you. Fill it out and mail it to the VA regional claims processing office that's in the same location as your school.

See a list of regional claims processing offices

#### In person

Go to a VA regional benefit office and have a VA employee help you.

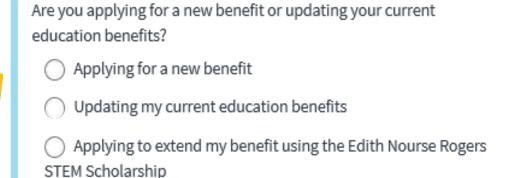
Find a VA regional benefit office near you.



#### How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

Find your education benefits form >



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#### **Tuition Assistance (TA) Top-Up**



#### with GI Bills

- In some cases, the cost of tuition exceeds the TA amount a Soldier may have. Therefore, a Soldier eligible for MGIB-AD or Post 9/11 GI Bill may use one of these GI Bills to pay a portion or full amount of the remaining tuition cost. This is called TA Top-Up.
  - CH30 (MGIB-AD): SM may use TA Top-Up with MGIB-AD
  - CH33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill): SM may use TA Top-Up w/Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - > CH1606 (MGIB-SR):
    - 2014 June 2021: SM could not use TA Top-Up w/MGIB-SR per DoD policy
    - Jun 2021 present: SM can use TA Top-Up w/MGIB-SR per DoD policy
- •NOTE: Effective 1 Aug 11, Soldiers w/only one qualifying period of service on/after 1 Aug 11 and elect to use MGIB-AD (including Top-Up), MGIB-SR, or REAP cannot convert to Post 9/11 GI Bill & TEB



#### **TA Top-Up With MGIB-AD**



- Soldier may use TA Top-Up with the MGIB-AD
  - Pays for tuition/fees not covered by TA
- MGIB-AD days of entitlement will be reduced based on the dollars paid by VA
  - Example: VA paid SM \$491 in TA Top-Up with MGIB-AD
    - monthly MGIB-AD rate is \$1473.00
    - \$1473/30 days = \$49.10 per day
    - \$491/\$49.10 = 10 days (equivalent to using 10 days MGIB-AD)
    - VA would reduce MGIB-AD entitlement by 10 days
      - from 36 months to 35 months, 20 days.
- <u>NOTE:</u> Effective 1 Aug 11, Soldiers w/only one qualifying period of service on/after 1 Aug 11 and elect to use MGIB-AD (including Top-Up), MGIB-SR, or REAP cannot convert to Post 9/11 GI Bill & TEB



#### **TA Top-Up With Post 9/11 GI Bill**



- Soldier may use TA Top-Up with the Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - Pays for books/supplies
  - Pays for tuition/fees not covered by TA
- Post 9/11 GI Bill days of entitlement will be reduced based on the # of days used multiplied by the rate of pursuit
  - ➤ The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is the determining official
- Soldier can use TA Top-Up with the Post 9/11 GI Bill; however, the DVA will determine payable rate calculations.



#### MGIB—AD "Refund"



- Veteran who had a "reduction in pay" of \$1200 toward the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (CH30) may be entitled to a "refund" of the \$1200 minus taxes (also prorated for any use of MGIB benefits)
  - The "refund" will be minus taxes since the initial allotment was a reduction in pay <u>before</u> taxes, so actual amount received may be \$900
- Only a Veteran may receive the "refund," not any dependent
- Only a Veteran who is receiving the Post 9/11 GI Bill housing stipend (enrolled more than half-time) on the last day of the last month of Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility payment may receive the "refund"
- VA will review a Veteran's file for eligibility of the "refund" on the last month of Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility
- Veteran may contact VA during/after last month of Post 9/11
   GI Bill usage for a review of their file for entitlement to the "refund"



## **Army College Fund (ACF)**



- ACF is a Regular Army Enlistment incentive option designed to aid in the recruitment of highly qualified Soldiers for critical or shortage MOS.
- ACF linked to MGIB-AD was suspended 16 March 2012
- "Kicker" linked to MGIB-SR is ongoing
- 38 USC 3316 (PL 110-252) allows for ACF linked to MGIB-AD or MGIB-SR to be paid to eligible Soldiers, Veterans, and Dependents when using the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- ACF must be on the Soldier's enlistment contract
- ACF is paid for Post 9/11 GI Bill usage through the monthly housing stipend
  - Active Duty Soldiers (and spouses), and children (half-time or less status) do not receive the monthly housing stipend
- ACF is not the MGIB-AD "Buy-up"





# 1 October 2016

What does this date mean?



#### ADT, ADSW, and ADOS-RC



#### No Longer Excluded

- Effective 1 Oct 2016, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command began counting the following periods of active duty served after 10 Sep 2001 as qualifying for the Post 9/11 GI Bill (PGIB), including the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB):
  - Active Duty Training (ADT)
  - Active Duty Special Work (ADSW)
  - Active Duty Operational Support-Reserve Component (ADOS-RC)
- MILPER 17-059, dated 10 Feb 2017, formally announced and publicized this change in interpretation of Public Law 110-252 (SEC 5002-Congressional Findings, and §3301(1)(B)-Definitions)



#### **Qualifying Active Duty**



#### \*AFTER 10 Sep 2001 AND \*\*COLMERY ACT CHANGE

ALTER TO SEP 2001 AND COLMERT ACT CHARGE				
Code	Description			
10 USC*	*Regular Service			
10 USC 688*	*Vol and Invol Retiree Recall			
10 USC 12301(a)*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for War or National Emergency declared by Congress; ALL Reserve Components; domestic emergencies also			
10 USC 12301(d)*	*Vol Mobilization/Contingency // Vol Active Duty Training (ADT) // Vol Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) // Vol Active Duty Operational Support-Reserve Component (ADOS-RC)			
10 USC 12301(g)*	*POW/MIA; Captive status as a member of the Armed Forces who is in a missing status per section 551(2) of title 37 as a result of hostile action			
10 USC 12301(h)**	**Medical Hold; Service performed on/after 11 Sep 2001; VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)			
10 USC 12302*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for National Emergency declared by the President up to 1 million Ready Reserve up to 24 consecutive months; domestic emergencies also			
10 USC 12304*	*Invol Mob/Contingency to augment Active Forces declared by the President up to 200,000 Selected Reserve up to 365 days; not for domestic emergencies			
*10 USC 12304a**	**SELRES: Partial Activation; Major Disaster of Emergency; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)			
*10 USC 12304b**	**SELRES: Order to Active Duty for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands; Contingency Operation; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)			
32 USC 502(f)*	*Operation Noble Eagle 11 Sep 2001-31 May 2002			
32 USC 502(f)*	*AGR at State Level			





### Post 9/11 GI Bill

# Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB)





## TEB is a RETENTION INCENTIVE, it is NOT a reward for service OR a transition benefit!

Soldiers earn the Post 9/11 GI Bill for their use.

HOWEVER, TEB is a Retention Incentive that requires the Soldier give 4-years of additional service time to the U.S. Army.

Soldiers MUST be aware of the difference!





# TEB website is programmed to allow up to 36 months...

doesn't mean 36 months are available to transfer because the Soldier may have used other GI Bill months.

TEB website is not an official record of unused months.
VA maintains the official record of # unused months.

TEB website is an official record of the Additional Service Obligation.



#### "16+ Year" Rule



#### **NEVER IMPLEMENTED**

- NDAA FY 2020, Section 578, "Clarification Regarding Eligibility to Transfer Entitlement Under Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program" amended Section 3319(j) of title 38, United States Code to state "The Secretary of Defense may not prescribe any regulation that would provide for a limitation on eligibility to transfer unused education benefits to family members based on a maximum number of years of service in the Armed Forces."
  - ➤ Restricts DoDI 1341.13, Change 1 implementation of the "16+ Year" Rule that would have prevented Service Members with 16+ years of service in requesting TEB.
  - Hence, the "16+ Year" Rule was not implemented on 12 July 2019 nor on 12 January 2020
  - NDAA FY 2020 was signed 20 December 2019
  - Public Law 116-120





# 26 October 2017

What does this date mean?





#### The U.S. Army is currently revising

AR 621-202,

**Army Educational Incentives** 

and Entitlements

(effective 26 October 2017)



#### **Eligibility** of Transfer to Dependents



- A Soldier with <u>no Purple Heart</u> may request TEB and must meet the following criteria for TEB approval:
  - > Per AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements
  - Must be eligible for PGIB (have at least 90 qual days o/a 11 Sep 2001)
  - Must be on Active Duty or Selected Reserve, and
  - Must not be barred or flagged due to negative action flag, and
    - Includes failure to maintain Army Body Composition Program standards (height/weight failure) and Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) on TEB request date
  - Completes a minimum of 6 years in the Armed Services (may include Regular Service and/or Selected Reserve), and
  - > Agrees to serve an additional 4 years from the TEB request date

NOTE: For Selected Reserve Service Members - means 50 points acquired per year.



#### **Eligibility** of Transfer to Dependents



- Effective 31 Aug 2018: A Soldier in Active Duty or Selected Reserve (SELRES) status with a <u>Purple Heart</u> may request TEB and will be approved regardless of years of service, commitment, or negative action flag, and will not have a TEB Additional Service Obligation
  - Per DODI 1341.13 dated 25 October 2022
  - Purple Heart can be awarded o/a and after 11 September 2001.
  - Purple Heart must be earned during an honorable period of service
  - Soldier must submit a TEB request while in Active Duty or SELRES status o/a 31 Aug 2018
  - ➤ Soldier who was no longer in Active Duty or SELRES status o/a 31 Aug 2018 and had previously requested TEB before 31 Aug 2018 and was rejected remained in TEB rejection status Soldier MUST still be serving
  - NOTE: Eligible for 100% payable rate even in non-qual periods such as Service Academy commission, ROTC scholarship, and LRP per Colmery Act, Section 102



#### Ineligibility of Transfer to Dependents

#### Effective 26 October 2017

- Soldier submitting a TEB request on/after 26 October 2017 will have TEB request rejected for failing to commit to a 4-year TEB Additional Service Obligation for reasons such as, but not limited to:
  - Retention Control Point (RCP)
  - Mandatory Removal/Retirement Date (MRD)
  - Continuation on Active Duty (COAD)
  - Officer Two-Time Non-Select for Promotion (2XNS)
  - Sanctuary (10 USC 12686a)
  - ➤ MEB/PEB (IDES) (no ETP eff 12 Jul 2019)
  - Qualitative Management Program (QMP)

Per AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements



#### **TEB and Soldier in the IDES**



#### (MEB/PEB) Process – no ETP

- Soldiers with 6 or more (no longer limited to '6 to less than 10') years of service who submit TEB requests on/after 26 October 2017 and are enrolled in the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) (Medical Evaluation Board (MEB)/Physical Evaluation Board (PEB)) process must be found "fit for duty" and commit to 4 years from the TEB request date to be approved for TEB
  - > Per AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements
  - ➤ No ETP per DCS, G-1 DMPM PGIB Policy Proponent and below DoDI
- DoDI 1341.13, Change 1, Enclosure 3, para 3a(1)(a) requires a TEB request on/after 12 July 2019 to be rejected for SM in IDES (regardless of years of service) effective 12 July 2019
  - > No ETP
  - AR 621-202 was already in effect for U.S. Army
  - ➤ DoDI 1341.13, Change 1, simply made this effective for all Services that had not already implemented this "TEB and IDES" policy



#### TEB and Invol Sep/Ret Boards Like QSP,

# QMP, QRP, OSB, E-SERB, SERB, SRB, or REFRAD Effective 26 October 2017

(changes in blue)

- Source: AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements
- Soldiers will retain TEB when they have an:
  - ➤ Approved TEB <u>BEFORE</u> the selection board convening date of Involuntary Separation Boards like QSP, QRP, OSB, E-SERB, SERB, SRB, and REFRAD
  - ➤ Approved TEB <u>BEFORE</u> the selection board <u>convening</u> date of the respective QMP <u>AND</u> will have <u>fulfilled</u> the TEB Additional <u>Service</u> <u>Obligation BEFORE</u> the mandated QMP sep/ret date



# TEB and Invol Sep/Ret Boards Like QSP, QMP, QRP, OSB, E-SERB, SERB, SRB, or REFRAD Effective 26 October 2017 (changes in blue)

- Source: AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements
- A Soldier will not retain a previously approved TEB when the Soldier is selected for QMP and will not fulfill the TEB service obligation by the mandated QMP sep/ret date
- A Soldier will not retain a previously approved TEB when the Soldier separates or retires in lieu of meeting any Involuntary Separation Board and the separation or retirement date is before the TEB Additional Service Obligation
- A Soldier's TEB request initiated <u>on/after</u> the selection board convening date <u>will be rejected</u>



#### **TEB and Involuntary Separation Boards**



#### (was effective 26 October 2017

(changes in blue)

Involuntary Separation Boards	If Soldier Requested TE Convening Date	Requested TEB On/After Invol Sep Convening Date	
	And if Soldier will fulfill TEB Obligation End Date before separation date	And if Soldier will NOT fulfill TEB Obligation End Date before sep date, Soldier must meet the board and not separate or retire in lieu of meeting the board:	
QMP	Retain previously approved TEB	<ul> <li>HRC will reject previously approved TEB</li> <li>Soldier may incur debt from VA when Dependent has used TEB</li> </ul>	Reject TEB request
QSP, QRP, REFRAD	Retain previously approved TEB	<ul> <li>Retain previously approved TEB</li> <li>HRC GI Bill Team will adjust TEB OED to Convening Date</li> </ul>	Reject TEB request
OSB, ESERB, SERB, and SRB	Retain previously approved TEB	<ul> <li>Retain previously approved TEB</li> <li>HRC GI Bill Team will adjust TEB OED to Convening Date</li> </ul>	Reject TEB request



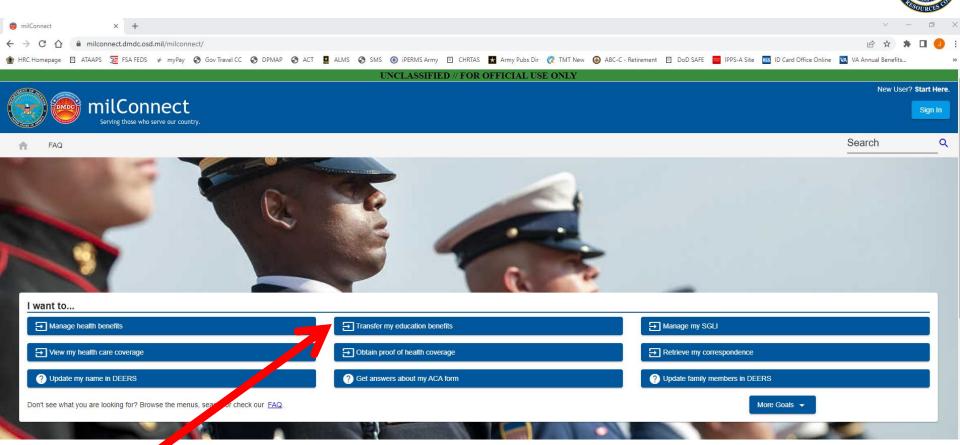
#### Two Steps to Transfer and Keep TEB



- Step 1: Request to transfer benefits is accomplished using DoD's Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) website:
  - https://milConnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milConnect/
  - Check TEB site for status of request & TEB Approval Form
  - Approved/disapproved within 1-5 business days (except during spikes in TEB requests)
  - Return to TEB site for status: approve, reject, or pend
  - > Do not contact HRC Education Incentives to check status
- Step 2: Fulfill TEB Additional Service Obligation

NOTE: Later, the Dependent will apply for usage through VA by completing VA Form 22-1990e: <a href="https://www.va.gov">https://www.va.gov</a>

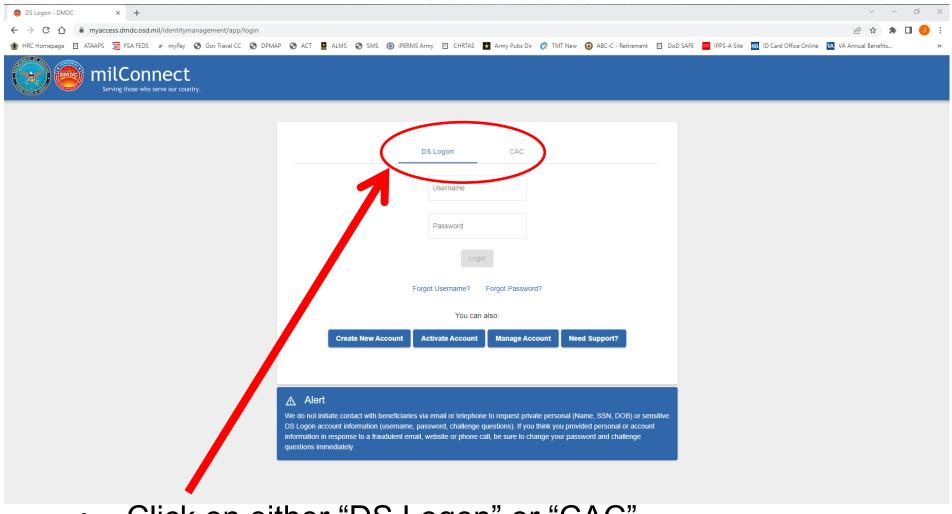




- Soldiers must navigate to milConnect webpage at https://milConnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milConnect/
- Click on "Transfer my education benefits" tab



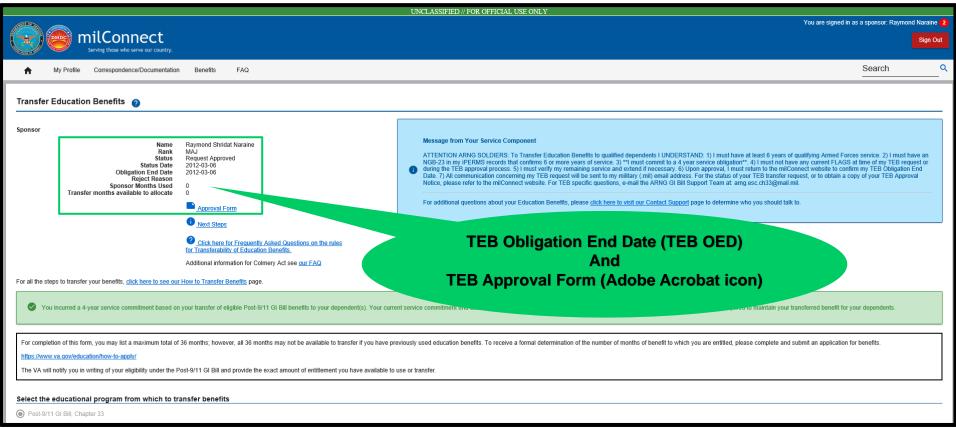




- Click on either "DS Logon" or "CAC"
- Log into the milConnect site
- Verify / Authenticate your info is required



# Request TEB via the milConnect website and fulfill the 4-year Additional Duty Service Obligation

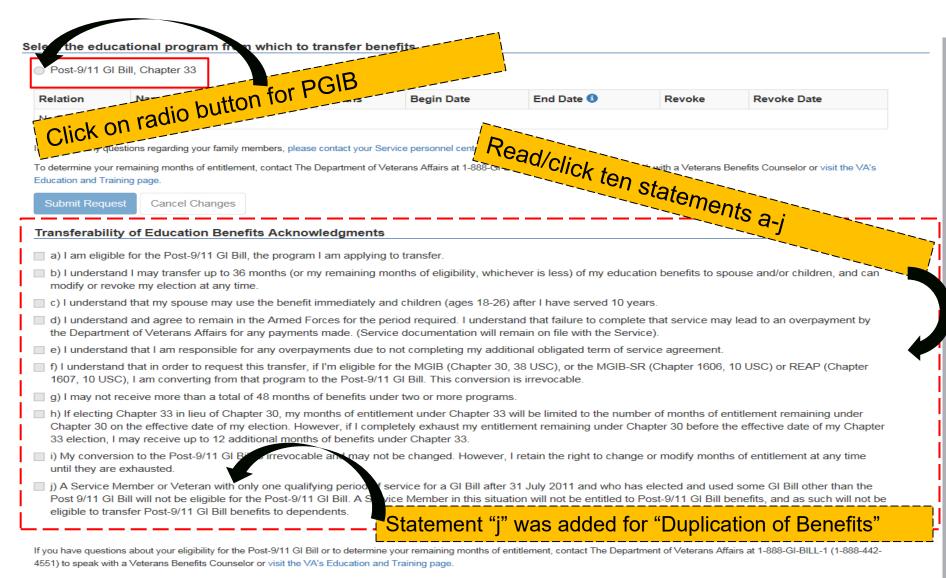


#### milConnect website:

https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/





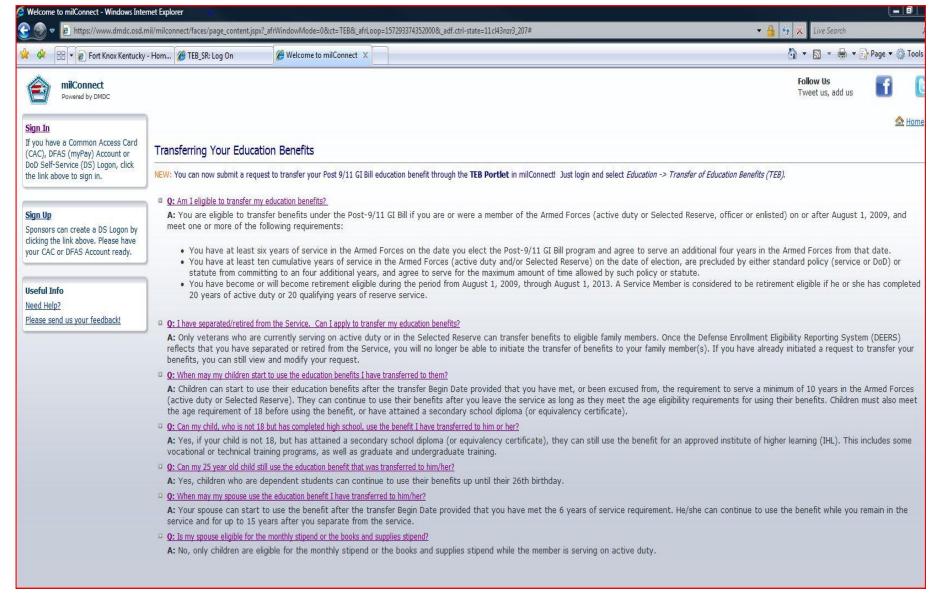


Do not call the Department of Veterans Affairs with questions about your eligibility for Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB). To determine your eligibility, read the DoD's Fact Sheet on



#### **TEB FAQ Page in milConnect**

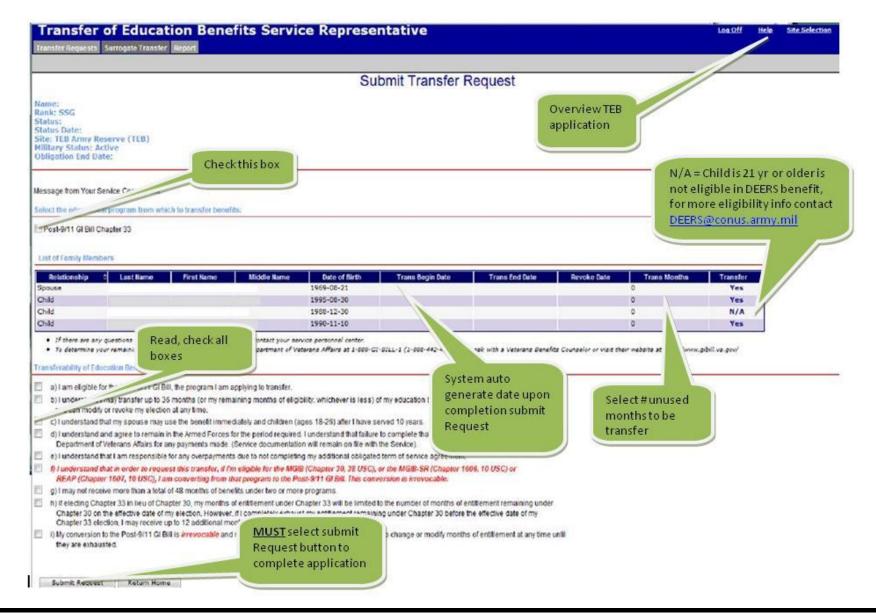






#### **TEB Request Page (prior to Oct 2011)**







#### **TEB (More Info)**



- If the Soldier meets the transferability criteria discussed earlier, the Soldier may request transferability to dependents via the Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) portal:
  - https://milConnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milConnect/
- Check the "Post 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33" circle (above dependents' names)
- Click the number of months for each dependent
- Check the remaining ten acknowledgement blocks
- Click "submit"
- Print a copy for personal file
- Revisit TEB portal <a href="https://milConnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milConnect/">https://milConnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milConnect/</a> to check status
- Transferring benefits to dependents must be accomplished via the <u>DoD</u> <u>TEB portal in milConnect FIRST!</u>
  - VA forms for usage are done AFTER TEB approval
  - > DO NOT ASSUME A TEB REQUEST WILL BE APPROVED



#### **TEB (More Info)**



- Requests must be submitted <u>prior to</u> entering IRR non-Active Duty status or separation/retirement with sufficient time to fulfill the TEB Additional Service Obligation
- Submit request <u>early</u> to <u>allow time to fulfill TEB Additional Service</u>
   <u>Obligation</u>
- After approval, the Soldier may revoke or modify the transfer
- Recommend awarding <u>at least one month</u> per eligible dependent
- Again, must transfer while still in service
- Veteran may not add new dependents to TEB after entering IRR non-Active Duty status, separation or retirement, BUT Veteran may modify months for dependents who had been awarded at least one month in TEB prior to Veteran's entry into IRR non-Active Duty status, separation or retirement



#### **TEB (More Info)**



- Effective date is the TEB request date (cannot be backdated)
- Months transferred by the Soldier cannot exceed 36 months or the remaining unused months as determined by the DVA
- Spouse and/or children must be enrolled in DEERS while
   Soldier is on Active Duty or in SELRES to be eligible for TEB
- Benefits may be used in IHL and non-IHL areas
- Children ages 21-22 who were not previously awarded benefits before 21<sup>st</sup> birthday may receive benefits only if the sponsor-Soldier is still on Active Duty or in SELRES and children are enrolled in school
  - ➤ IHL full-time
  - Non-IHL up to full-time
- Ward / Foster Child:
  - ➤ 1 Aug 2009 4 Jan 2021: not eligible per title 38 (VA) definition of a Dependent which excluded Ward / Foster Child
  - ➤ 5 Jan 2021 present: eligible per PL 116-35 Section 1011 (per court order and must have lived with Service Member for min of 12 months prior to transfer request)



#### **Transferee Enrollment**



- Once transfer to dependents via the DoD TEB portal in milConnect has been approved, the transferee (dependent) may complete/submit VA 22-1990e at VA.GOV website:
  - ➤ Basic DVA Website: <a href="https://www.va.gov">https://www.va.gov</a>
  - ➤ Direct DVA Education Benefits: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/">https://www.va.gov/education/</a>
- Transferee (dependent) must create their own account separate from Sponsor
- VA Form 22-1990e may be submitted electronically or via mail
- Sponsor Parent may want to list their own checking or savings account on child's VA Form 22-1990e to monitor and "control" the housing stipend and books/supplies payments
- Some Sponsor Parents use the housing stipend to pay for future children's school



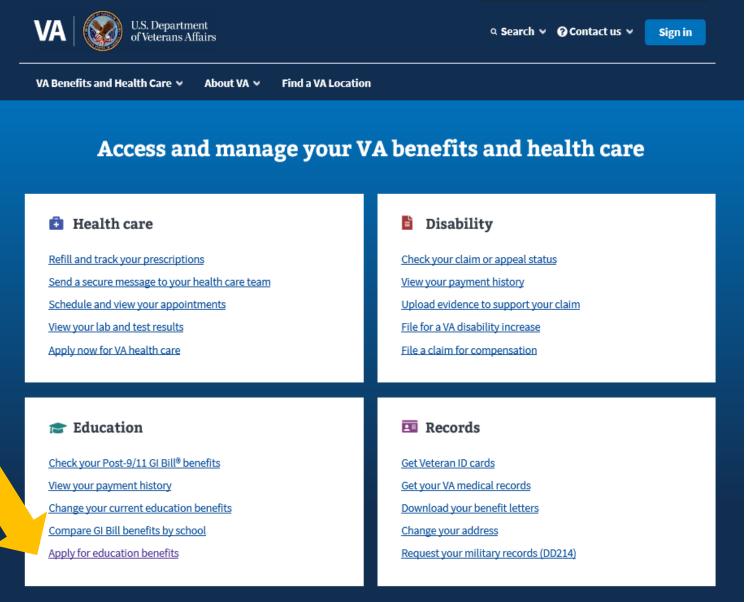
#### **Transferee Enrollment**



- Sponsor Parent may want to list their home mailing address on child's VA Form 22-1990e
- Transferee should maintain a copy of VA Form 22-1990e
- VA will issue a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the transferee at the mailing address listed on VA Form 22-1990e
- Transferee must provide a copy of the COE to the "School Certifying Official (SCO)" who serves as the liaison with VA
  - Remember, the SCO is a school employee, not a VA employee
  - ➤ The SCO will enter pertinent information (e.g., semester start date, semester end date, # of credit hours) into the VA website, ONCE Online Certification of Enrollment
  - > This action prompts VA payment of tuition/fees to the school
  - ➤ This action prompts VA payments of books/supplies and housing (if eligible) to the checking or savings account listed on VA Form 22-1990e





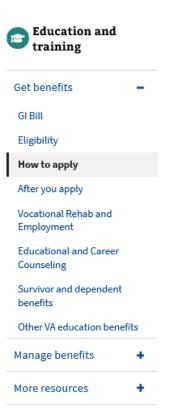








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#### How to apply for the GI Bill and related benefits

Find out how to apply for the GI Bill and other VA education benefits as a Veteran, service member, or qualified family member.

#### How do I prepare before starting my application?

- Find out if you're eligible for VA education benefits
- Gather the documents and information listed below that you'll need to apply for education benefits.
- See what benefits you'll get at the school you want to attend.
   Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool

**Note:** To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (also called Chapter 31) or educational and career counseling (also called Chapter 36) benefits and services, you'll need to use a different application.

Find out how to apply for Vocational Rehab and Employment Learn more about Educational and Career Counseling

#### What documents and information do I need to





#### What documents and information do I need to apply?

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Education and military history
- Basic information about the school or training facility you want to attend or are attending now

#### How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

Find your education benefits form 🔻

#### You can also apply:

#### By mail

Call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (888-442-4551), Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET, to request that we send the application to you. Fill it out and mail it to the VA regional claims processing office that's in the same location as your school.

See a list of regional claims processing offices

#### In person

Go to a VA regional benefit office and have a VA employee help you.

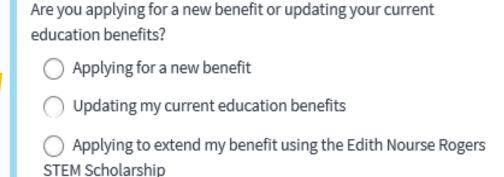
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#### **Transferee Usage – Spouse Benefit**



- Spouse's benefit = sponsoring Soldier or Veteran
- Available after Soldier reaches 6 years of service, makes election to transfer, and transfer of benefits is approved
- Expires 15 years after Soldier's last discharge, separation, or retirement from Active Duty or release from Active Duty (REFRAD) of 90 continuous days (or 30 continuous days with a service-connected disability) before 1 Jan 2013
- Never expires after Soldier's last discharge, separation, or retirement from Active Duty or REFRAD of 90 continuous days (or 30 continuous days with a service-connected disability) o/a 1 Jan 2013 (per Colmery Act, Sec 112 eff 1 Aug 2018)
- Monthly housing stipend available only when sponsor Soldier is not receiving BAH, and Spouse enrolled in "more than half-time" status



#### **Transferee Usage – Child Benefit**



- Child's benefit = Veteran's benefit as if the Soldier was <u>not</u> on Active Duty
- Available for use only after Soldier reaches 10 years of service
  - ➤ VA will allow dependents to use TEB when sponsoring Soldier with 6<10 years service was sep/ret for medical disability</p>
- Requires HS Diploma, equivalency certificate, or age 18
- Must <u>transfer</u> before child's <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> birthday via TEB web-site, with two exceptions below for transferring to a child age 21-22:
  - May transfer to a child age 21-22 via <u>TEB web-site</u> when in "DEERS extended eligibility status"
    - Take Registrar letter showing IHL full-time status to DEERS Office to update extended eligibility to grad date or age 23, whichever date is earlier



#### **Transferee Usage – Child Benefit**



- Transfer to Child before what age? (see previous slide)
- Must use before 26<sup>th</sup> birthday for non-Fry Scholarship Children
- Child with Fry Scholarship:
  - Must use before 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday when first entitled before 1 Jan 2013 (child reaches 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1 Jan 2013 and Sponsoring SM dies before 1 Jan 2013)
  - FOREVER to use when first entitled o/a 1 Jan 2013 (child reaches age 18 o/a 1 Jan 2013, or when Sponsoring SM dies o/a 1 Jan 2013)
- Service Member MUST visit the installation's DEERS Office to amend any incorrect dependent information



#### **Transferee Usage – Ward / Foster**



#### Benefit

- Ward / Foster Child:
  - ➤ 1 Aug 2009 4 Jan 2021: not eligible per title 38 (VA) definition of a Dependent which excluded Ward / Foster Child
  - ➤ 5 Jan 2021 present: eligible per PL 116-35 Section 1011 which allowed for PGIB TEB to use title 10 (DoD) definition of a dependent which includes Ward / Foster Child
    - Section 1011: Ward / Foster Child residing with Service Member due to court order for at least 12 months are eligible for TEB



#### Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David

#### Fry Scholarship

- Available to spouse and children of Service Member (SM) who, on or after
   11 Sep 2001, dies in line of duty while serving on Active Duty as a member of the Armed Forces
  - > Eff 1 Aug 2009: Surviving <u>children</u>: PL111-32, Sec 1002(a) (24 Jun 2009)
  - Eff 1 Jan 2015: Surviving <u>spouse</u>: PL113-146, Sec 701 (7 Aug 2014)
- Each surviving dependent (spouse and children) will be entitled to 36 months each of Post 9/11 GI Bill at the 100% rate
- Eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program o/a 1 Aug 2018
- Eligibility Timeframe:
  - ➤ Spouse: FOREVER to use; no longer restricted to 15 years from the SM's date of death or up to remarriage per Colmery Act, Sec 112 (due to elig after 1 Jan 2013)
  - > Child:
    - Must use before 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday when first entitled before 1 Jan 2013 (child reaches 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before 1 Jan 2013 <u>and</u> Sponsoring SM dies before 1 Jan 2013)
    - FOREVER to use when first entitled o/a 1 Jan 2013 (child reaches age 18 o/a 1 Jan 2013, or when Sponsoring SM dies o/a 1 Jan 2013)
- PL116-315, Section 1002, eff 1 Aug 2021: allows "in line of duty while serving on duty other than AD, and Selected Reserve member who dies o/a 11 Sep 2001 from service-connected disability while Selected Reserve



#### **Percentage Payable**



#### Post 9/11 GI Bill Percentage Payable was eff 1 August 2020 - Present

After 10 Sep 2001, Soldier serves (*does not include "entry level and skill training"):	Percentage Payable Rate
At least 36 months (or Purple Heart recipient eff 11 Sep 2001 or later for courses on/after 1 Aug 2018)	100% (1095+ days)
At least 30 continuous days on Active Duty (Must be discharged from Active Duty due to service-connected disability)	100%
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90% (910-1,094 days)
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80% (730-909 days)
*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70% (545-729 days)
*At least 6 months, but less than 18 months	60% (180-544 days)
*At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	50% (90-179 days)



#### **Up to 36 Months of Entitlement**



- Tuition/Fees
- Housing Allowance
- Annual book/material allowance of \$1000
- Up to \$1200 tutorial grant
- Up to \$2000 Certification/Licensing Fee (pro-rate)
- Relocation (restrictions apply)
- Classes/training after 1 Aug 2009



#### **Tuition/Fees**



- Paid directly to the school, not student
- Undergraduate rate: eff 1 Aug 2009
- Graduate rate if grad student: eff 1 Aug 2011
- Highest public / in-state rate



### **Housing Allowance**



- Requires student to be "more than half-time" student status
- Equivalent to the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an 'E-5 with dependents' rate
  - https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm
  - Paid directly and monthly to the individual (savings or checking account listed on VA Form 22-1990e)
- On-campus only: use zip code where the student "physically participates in a majority of classes"
  - School Certifying Official will determine the zip code
- Distance Learning: based on ½ BAH national average
- Mixture of On-campus and Distance Learning: on-campus rate paid
- Prorated amount is based on the individual's payment tier
   (e.g. 50%-100%) and study rate (more than 1/2, 3/4, full-time)
- Ineligible:
  - Individual training at ½ time or less
  - Spouse of Soldier on <u>Active Duty</u>



### **Books and Supplies Stipend**



- Up to \$1,000 per academic year
  - Lump sum payment to the individual (savings or checking account listed on VA Form 22-1990e)
    - paid each quarter, semester or term attended
- Prorated based on payment tier and study rate
- Active Duty members became eligible eff 1 Oct 2011



#### **Tutorial Assistance**



- Submit VA Form 22-1990t for Tutorial Assistance
- Only paid for attendance at an approved institution for an approved program
- Available to Soldier, Veteran, and Dependent
- Requirements:
  - > Professor or Tutor certifies the tutoring is necessary for the individual to complete his or her program of education successfully
  - ➤ Individual is enrolled in and pursuing a postsecondary program of education at least half-time
  - > Course is required as part of, or is a prerequisite to the satisfactory pursuit of an approved program of education



# Non-college Degree Granting Institutions //

# Non-IHL (Non-Institution of Higher Learning)

- Students enrolled in Non-IHL or Non-college Degree Granting Institutions may use Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Examples:
  - HVAC Certification, truck driving, EMT Certification, Barber/Beauty School, etc.)
- Available to Soldier, Veteran, and Dependent
- Pays actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees or national maximum, whichever is less
- Pays housing stipend (contact VA)
- Pays books and supplies (contact VA)



#### AC to RC / RC to AC



- DA Post 9/11 GI Bill Policy Memorandum (10 July 2009), para 17 and para 17h(6) states Soldiers are expected to serve the TEB Additional Service Obligation in the same component in which the
  - obligation was incurred, but allows RA Soldiers to fulfill the obligation in the Selected Reserve (SELRES) of the ARNG or USAR (vice versa)
- Following publication, DA verbally directed Soldiers shall fulfill the TEB Additional Service Obligation in the same component
- 6 June 2014:
  - > In support of the drawdown, DA began allowing Soldiers transitioning between components to fulfill the TEB Additional Service Obligation in the other

#### component

- Requires no break in service, but allows one day in IRR for system u/d
- Requires written approval of gaining component



#### **Lost Time and TEB Additional**



# **Service Obligation**

- Soldiers must fulfill the TEB Additional Service Obligation in a qualifying status creditable for pay and allowances to retain TEB
- Soldiers leaving the above status before fulfilling the TEB
   Additional Service Obligation may lose TEB and incur debt if dependents had used TEB
- Examples of non-qualifying status creditable for pay and allowances are: lost time, appellate leave, excess leave, etc.
- Example:
  - 20100804 TEB Request Date, so TEB OED 20140803
  - 20120216 Entered lost time status
  - 20130331 Entered appellate/excess leave status
  - 20150731 Bad Conduct discharge
  - 20160225 VA developed (emailed) HRC asking for TEB OED fulfillment status
  - 20160225 HRC reviewed Soldier's record and rejected TEB due to Soldier leaving a qualifying status creditable for pay and allowances on 20120216 which was before fulfilling TEB Additional Service Obligation of 20140803
  - 20160226 HRC emailed Soldier stating TEB was rejected for not fulfilling TEB
    Additional Service Obligation and may incur debt if dependents had used TEB, but told
    Soldier PGIB remained available for Soldier's use (given previous honorable period of
    service)



#### **Modification or Revocation of TEB**



- What does "modify in the TEB website" mean?
  - ➤ Modify means changing (reducing/increasing) the # of months in an approved TEB between "1-36" months
  - ➤ Soldiers/Veterans use the "up/down" toggle box to modify months
- What does "revoke in the TEB website" mean?
  - ➤ Revoke means changing the # of months in an approved TEB from "1-36" to "0" months
  - > Soldiers/Veterans use the revoke box to take months to "0"
  - > TEB website will display a revoke date
- Recommend Soldier keep at least 1 month per dependent
  - Sometimes, Soldiers and Veterans misunderstand the difference between modifying and revoking TEB, and erroneously revoke when they really just want to modify (reduce/increase "1-36")
- Typical reasons a Soldier or Veteran may revoke:
  - Wants to use education benefits for self
  - Wants to separate or retire before fulfilling TEB Additional Service Obligation



## Recap of Modification or Revocation



- Modifying TEB adjusts months through 1-36 months
- Revoking TEB adjusts months to "0"
- If a Soldier wants to end benefits for a dependent <u>after</u> the dependent has started <u>using</u> the benefit, recommend the Soldier:
  - Insert an "end date"
  - > Reduce number of months to the amount used only
  - > Soldier should NOT revoke benefits to "0" months in this case
  - > TEB Additional Service Obligation will not be removed



#### **UQR/Sep/Ret Before TEB OED?**



#### TEB <u>not</u> used by dependents:

- Soldier submits DA Form 4187 (Enlisted) or Memo (Officer/WO), or IPPS-A Personnel Action Request (PAR) stating Soldier will UQR/sep/ret before the TEB OED
- Soldier follows six steps listed at: <a href="https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/The%20Post%20911%20GI%20Bill">https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/The%20Post%20911%20GI%20Bill</a>
- Soldier must then email <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@army.mil</u>
  - "I have revoked the Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) for all dependents in the TEB webpage in milConnect website. My dependents have not used TEB. I request HRC change my TEB status from "approved" to "rejected" and remove the TEB Additional Service Obligation. I understand HRC changing my TEB status from "approved" to "rejected" will result in only me being eligible to use the Post 9/11 GI Bill. If I am in error and my dependents have used TEB, I will revisit the TEB website to increase the number of months to the number used or a higher number, and I understand I will be required to fulfill the TEB Additional Service Obligation."
- ➤ HRC will confirm with VA that dependents have or have not used TEB
- When VA states dependent has used TEB, HRC will advise Soldier to follow steps for "TEB used by dependents" (see next slide)
- When VA states dependent has not used TEB, HRC will remove the TEB Additional Service Obligation on the TEB website and in EDAS (RA Enlisted) and TOPMIS (RA Officer/WO) and email Soldier accordingly; Soldier may provide a copy of the HRC email to their branch to proceed with UQR/sep/ret in accordance with normal application procedures



#### **UQR/Sep/Ret Before TEB OED?**



#### TEB used by dependents:

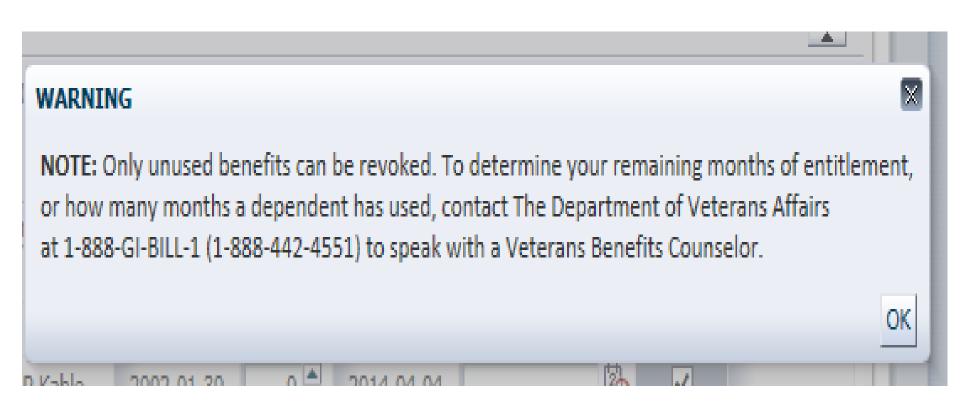
- Eff 12 May 2021, OUSD P&R authorized TEB be rejected for Service Members whose dependents have used TEB, but Service Member wants to UQR/sep/ret before TEB OED, so Service Member must agree to incur an overpayment and reimburse VA for payments to dependents
- Soldier requests memo from VA with dependent TEB usage of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. for XX months XX days.
- Soldier submits DA Form 4187 (Enlisted) or Memo (Officer/WO) stating Soldier will UQR/sep/ret before the TEB OED, and provides the VA TEB usage memo and the following statement:
  - "I acknowledge the Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) for my dependent(s) in the TEB portal of the milConnect website. I acknowledge that I am requesting a voluntary UQR/separation/retirement prior to the TEB Obligation End Date (OED), and I further acknowledge that my dependent(s) has/have used TEB. I acknowledge that I am subject to recoupment of these overpayment/debt by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) because I will not fulfill the TEB OED. I acknowledge that the TEB usage currently reported by DVA is \$\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_ for XX months XX days of used benefits."
- DCS, G-1 DMPM Enlisted Division will approve or disapprove the memo request
- ➤ If DCS, G-1 DMPM Enlisted Division approves, Soldier will use the approved memo to request UQR/sep/ret in accordance with normal application procedures
- > TEB <u>debt</u> will be incurred <u>after</u> the UQR/sep/ret from the Army
- Soldier and VA will decide payment process
- ➢ If Soldier doesn't follow above steps and UQR/sep/ret before TEB OED, Soldier will still be responsible for overpayment



#### TEB Website -



# Current Revocation Warning (eff 19 September 2015)





#### **TEB Debt/Loss of TEB**



- # Soldiers Impacted: 1,472 Soldiers identified FY13-21
- Soldiers who separate or retire before fulfilling the TEB service obligation lose TEB and incur massive debt
  - Avg debt: \$38K
  - ➤ Debt range: \$5-136K
  - Soldier is aware of responsibility to fulfill TEB svc obligation
    - Click on ten statements on TEB website before submitting request
    - Fourth statement, "I understand and agree to remain in the Armed Forces for the period required. I understand that failure to complete that service may lead to an overpayment by the VA for any payments made."
    - Fifth statement, "I understand I am responsible for any overpayment..."
    - Soldier must revisit TEB website to check approval status
    - TEB Obligation End Date (OED) (TEB Additional Service Obligation) will appear in upper left corner of TEB website upon TEB approved



#### **TEB Counts**



Status	Army	Navy	USMC	USAF	USCG	Total
Approved	284,093	120,951	40,759	186,739	24,515	660,443*
Rejected	50,071	25,571	8,252	28,545	2,617	115,104**

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), as of 12 Feb 2020

<sup>\*</sup> Includes NOAA (136 approved) and Public Health (3,250 approved)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes NOAA (3 rejected) and Public Health (45 rejected)



#### **TEB Counts--Army**



Status	Regular Army	Army National Guard	U.S. Army Reserve	Total
Approved	158,858	76,902	48,333	284,093
Rejected	25,084	15,253	9,734	50,071

- -Two common reasons for rejection:
  - Insufficient retainability (no extension or reenlistment in iPERMS)
  - Insufficient years of service (RPAS not updated with RC Service or other Service)

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), as of 12 Feb 2020



#### **Public Law (PL) 111-377**



#### Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill

- PL 111-377 (4 Jan 2011), "Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010"
- Changes occurred throughout 2011; major actions listed below
- Effective 4 Jan 2011:
  - Fully Honorable discharge required for service period, regardless sep reason
  - One-Station Unit Training (OSUT) occurring after 3 Jan 2011 will be excluded until SM gains 24 months active service
    - (OSUT before 4 Jan 2011 will count as PGIB qualifying active service)
- Effective 1 Aug 2011:
  - ➤ In-state tuition and fees at public institutions, including graduate and professional degrees (terms on/after this date)
  - Private/foreign tuition/fees net costs capped



# Public Law (PL) 111-377 Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill



- Effective 1 Aug 2011 (continued):
  - ➤ Allowed Yellow Ribbon Program to be applied to non-resident public student or a private IHL that is more expensive than the annual cap
  - ➤ Prorate housing allowance by rate of pursuit, rounded to nearest multiple of ten (50%-100%)
  - Adjust housing allowance rates for new basic allowance for housing (BAH) rates in August instead of January
  - ➤ Authorize reimbursement for more than one Licensing and Certification test up to \$2,000 per test



## **Public Law (PL) 111-377**

#### Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Effective 1 Aug 2011 (continued):
  - ➤ Add National Exam reimbursement (e.g. SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT); charges one whole month for every exam taken against entitlement
  - > Pay Kickers for CH30 and CH1606 on a monthly basis
  - ➤ No double-payment of benefits under more than one program, also known as "Bar to Duplication of Benefits"
  - ➤ Prohibit using the same period of service to establish eligibility for CH33, CH32, CH30, CH1606, or CH1607
  - End interval pay between enrollment periods for all VA education programs



#### **Bar to Duplication**



- PL111-377 (4 Jan 2011), "Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010", Section 111, added section 3322(h)
- Effective 1 Aug 2011: applies to Service Member, Vet, and TEB
- Effective for periods of service that began o/a 1 August 2011:
  - ▶ Bar to duplication of eligibility based a single event or period of service An individual with qualifying service in the Armed Forces that establishes eligibility on the part of such individual for educational assistance under this chapter (33), chapter 30 or 32 of this title, and chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10, shall elect (in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe) under which authority such service is to be credited." (VA describes as elected and used other GI Bill)
- Will negatively impact Enlisted w/one term svc o/a 1 Aug 2011
- Will negatively impact Officers w/svc only o/a 1 Aug 2011
- Statement "j" on TEB website added
  - "A Service Member or Veteran with only one qualifying period of service for a GI Bill after 31 July 2011 and who has elected and used some GI Bill other than the Post 9/11 GI Bill will not be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. A Service Member in this situation will not be entitled to Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, and as such will not be eligible to transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to dependents."



### **Public Law (PL) 111-377**

#### Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill

#### Effective 1 Oct 2011:

- ➤ Pay benefits based on National Guard Title 32 AGR full-time service (purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training); pay retroactive to 1 Aug 2009
- Pay benefits based on National Guard Title 32 AGR in support of national emergency under section 502(f)
- Pay for Non-College Degree programs not offered by colleges or universities
- Pay for OJT/Apprenticeship Training: descending percentage
- Pay for Vocational Flight Training



### **Public Law (PL) 111-377**

#### Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill

- Effective 1 Oct 2011:
  - > Pay for Correspondence courses
  - Allow Active Duty SM and their spouses to receive books and supplies stipend up to \$1,000/year
  - Allow individuals training solely through Distance Learning (exclusively online training) to receive a monthly housing allowance



# **Public Law (PL) 113-146**

## Changes to Post 9/11 GI Bill

- PL113-146 (7 Aug 2014), "Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014" (also known as "Choice Act")
  - Sec 701. Expanded eligibility to include spouses under the John David Fry Scholarship; previously, only children were eligible;
    - Retroactive to 11 Sep 2001 for spouses also, but spouses may not use prior to 1 Jan 2015
  - ➤ Sec 702. Requires VA to disapprove programs of education under the Post 9/11 and Montgomery GI Bill programs at public institutions of higher learning if the institutions charge qualifying Veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms beginning after 1 July 2015





# The Colmery Act

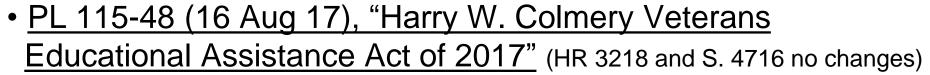
a.k.a.

"Forever GI Bill"



#### **Public Law (PL) 115-48**

## The Colmery Act -- "Forever GI Bill"



- Changes occur 2017 and later; majority of changes 1 Aug 2018
- Amends multiple chapters within title 38, U.S.C.
- 34 changes with some popular changes listed below:
  - > REAP benefits may now convert to PGIB effective 16 Aug 17
  - > 10 USC 12301(h) (medical hold) counts as qual svc o/a 11 Sep 01 for usage o/a 1 Aug 18
  - 10 USC 12304a and 12304b count as qual svc o/a 30 Jun 08 for usage o/a 1 Aug 18
  - Purple Heart recipients qual o/a 11 Sep 01 for usage o/a 1 Aug 18
  - > 15 delimiting date eliminated if last REFRAD/disch o/a 1 Jan 13
- More details on https://www.hrc.army.mil/asset/18508



#### The Colmery Act "Forever GI Bill"



- Sec 101
- Adds 10 USC 12301(h), <u>Medical</u> <u>Hold</u>
- Served on/after 11 Sep 2001
- Eff 1 Aug 2018
- Services report this service to DMDC and VA
- VA includes for courses occurring on/after 1 Aug 2018



- Sec 401
- Adds 10 USC 12304a
- Adds 10 USC 12304b
- Served on/after 30 Jun 2008
- Eff 1 Aug 2018
- Services report this service to DMDC and VA
- VA includes for courses occurring on/after 1 Aug 2018





Code

10 USC 12301(d)

32 USC 502(f)

#### **Qualifying Active Duty**



# 1 August 2009 – 31 July 2018

10 USC	Regular Service (VA defines Active Duty under 38 USC 101(21)(A))
10 USC 688	Vol and Invol Retiree Recall
10 USC 12301(a)	Invol Mob/Contingency for War or National Emergency declared by Congress; domestic emergencies also

**Description** 

- Vol Mobilization/Contingency
  Vol Active Duty Training (ADT)
- 10 USC 12301(d) Vol Active Duty Training (ADT)
- 10 USC 12301(d) Vol Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) and Active Duty Operational Support-Reserve Component (ADOS-RC)
- 10 USC 12301(g) POW/MIA
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  10 USC 12302 Invol Mob/Contingency for National Emergency declared by the President up
- to 1 million Ready Reserve up to 24 consecutive months; domestic emergencies also

  10 USC 12304 Invol Mob/Contingency to augment Active Forces declared by the President up to 200,000 Selected Reserve up to 365 days; not for domestic emergencies

Operation Noble Eagle 11 Sep 2001-31 May 2002

32 USC 502(f) AGR at State Level



## **Qualifying Active Duty**



#### \*AFTER 10 Sep 2001 AND \*\*COLMERY ACT CHANGE

Code	Description
10 USC*	*Regular Service
10 USC 688*	*Vol and Invol Retiree Recall
10 USC 12301(a)*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for War or National Emergency declared by Congress; ALL Reserve Components; domestic emergencies also
10 USC 12301(d)*	*Vol Mobilization/Contingency // Vol Active Duty Training (ADT) // Vol Active Duty Special Work (ADSW) // Vol Active Duty Operational Support-Reserve Component (ADOS-RC)
10 USC 12301(g)*	*POW/MIA; Captive status as a member of the Armed Forces who is in a missing status per section 551(2) of title 37 as a result of hostile action
10 USC 12301(h)**	**Medical Hold; Service performed on/after 11 Sep 2001; VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)
10 USC 12302*	*Invol Mob/Contingency for National Emergency declared by the President up to 1 million Ready Reserve up to 24 consecutive months; domestic emergencies also
10 USC 12304*	*Invol Mob/Contingency to augment Active Forces declared by the President up to 200,000 Selected Reserve up to 365 days; not for domestic emergencies
*10 USC 12304a**	**SELRES: Partial Activation; Major Disaster of Emergency; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)
*10 USC 12304b**	**SELRES: Order to Active Duty for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands; Contingency Operation; Service performed on/after date of enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill within Public Law 110-252 (30 June 2008); VA will pay for courses on/after 1 August 2018 per Public Law 115-48 (Colmery Act)
32 USC 502(f)*	*Operation Noble Eagle 11 Sep 2001-31 May 2002
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#### The Colmery Act "Forever GI Bill"



- Sec 102
- Adds <u>Purple Heart</u> as qualifying at the 100% payable rate
- Requires the Purple Heart to have been received during an honorable period of service
- Not contingent upon service!!!
- So, 90 days is NOT required
- So, 30 days w/medical disability is NOT required
- 100% even if in a non-qualifying period such as Academy,
   2107(b) ROTC scholarship, and LRP
- Limited by 15-year delimiting window if last discharge or REFRAD before 1 Jan 2013

- Sec 102
- Eff 1 Aug 2018
- Services report the Purple Heart to DMDC and VA
- VA includes for courses occurring on/after 1 Aug 2018





# Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)



# **Purple Heart Recipients**

Effective 31 August 2018
Latest Change to Post 9/11 GI Bill Law

\*\* Purple Heart can be earned at any time; HOWEVER, the Soldier MUST STILL BE serving at the time of the TEB request\*\*

#### SOLDIER ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. Qualified at the max 100% payable rate (even if Soldier is still in a non-qual period such as Military Academy, 2107(b) ROTC scholarship, and LRP)
- 2. Not contingent upon time in service!!!
  - a. So, min 90 days of qualifying Active Duty is NOT required
  - b. So, 30 days w/medical disability is NOT required
  - c. Does not have to complete three years of Active Duty service to obtain 100% Payable Rate
- 3. Eligible for PGIB Yellow Ribbon

#### TRANSFERABILITY TO ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS:

- Regardless of years of service, commitment or any negative/adverse action flag, Soldier may request TEB and will be approved <u>without any Additional Service Obligation</u> (Per DODI 1341.13 dated 25 October 2022)
- 2. Retroactive for Post 9/11 GI Bill, which became effective on 01 Aug 2009
- 3. Qualified at the max 100% payable rate (even if Soldier is still in a non-qual period such as Military Academy, 2107(b) ROTC scholarship, and LRP)

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### The Colmery Act "Forever GI Bill"



- Sec 103
- Adds Fry Scholarship and Purple Heart recipients as eligible for PGIB Yellow Ribbon
- Eff 1 Aug 2018
- Services report these categories to DMDC and VA
- VA includes for courses occurring on/after 1 Aug 2018

- Sec 104
- Allows Active Duty (pursuing more than half-time basis) to use PGIB Yellow Ribbon
- Eff 1 Aug 2022
- VA will provide more guidance



### The Colmery Act "Forever GI Bill"



- Sec 105
- Changes Percentage (%)
   Payable Rates
- Eliminates the 40% payable rate
- Redefines 50% as "90 days to less than 6 months"
- Redefines 60% as "6 to less than 18 months"
- Eff 1 Aug 2020
- VA includes for courses occurring on/after 1 Aug 2020
- See next slide



### **Percentage Payable**



#### Post 9/11 GI Bill Percentage Payable eff 1 August 2009 – 31 July 2020

After 10 Sep 2001, Soldier serves (*does not include "entry level and skill training"):	Percentage Payable Rate
At least 36 months (or Purple Heart recipient eff 11 Sep 2001 or later for courses on/after 1 Aug 2018)	100% (1095+ days)
At least 30 continuous days on Active Duty (Must be discharged from Active Duty due to service-connected disability)	100%
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90% (910-1,094 days)
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80% (730-909 days)
*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70% (545-729 days)
*At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60% (365-544 days)
*At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50% (180-364 days)
*At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	40% (90-179 days)



### **Percentage Payable**



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### The Colmery Act "Forever GI Bill"



- Sec 106
- Allows Reserve Component SM to convert unused Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP, Chapter 1607) to PGIB
- Eff 16 Aug 2017
- About 3K SM impacted





- Sec 107
- Changes calculation of the Monthly Housing Stipend
- No longer pays based on the school's main campus zip
- Instead pays based on the location where "individual physically participates in a majority of classes"
- No changes to online classes
- No changes to a mixture of online and in-residence classes
- Applies to initial enrollment on/after 1 Aug 2018

- Sec 108
- Changes calculation of entitlement for certain Licensure and Certification Tests and National Tests
- Changes from "rate of one month" to "pro-rate based on actual amount of fee charged for test relative to rate for 1 month"
- National test that evaluates prior learning and knowledge and provides course credit at IHL"
- Eff 1 Aug 2018





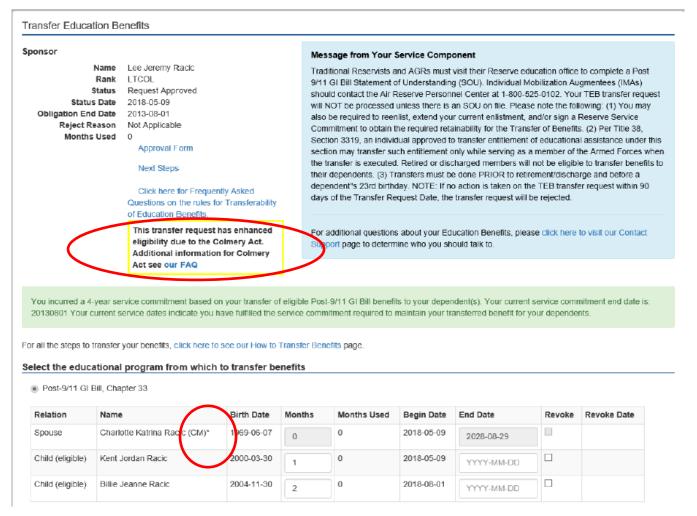
- Sec 110
- Upon Dependent death:
  - Deceased Dependent is now called a "Colmery Member (CM) dependent"
  - SM/VET may transfer to another eligible dependent now called a "Colmery Eligible (CE) dependent"
  - SM/VET must use milConnect to transfer unused CM dependent's months
  - SM/VET must designate which dependent(s) will retain their CE status in the first transfer request after the CM dependent's death
  - SM/VET must designate at least one month in the first transfer for CE dependent to retain CE eligibility
  - SM/VET must allocate CM months to CE dependents

- Sec 110
- Upon Dependent death:
  - SM/VET may add new dependents in DEERS while the CM dependent has months remaining for reallocation, even if SM/VET is already separated or retired
  - SM/VET must reallocate all CM dependent's months before allocating any non-Colmery months
  - SM/VET cannot transfer months back to a CM dependent
  - SM/VET may only retain CM dependent's months if SM/VET has no CE dependents
  - Dependent age 18 or older may transfer unused months to another Colmery Eligible (CE) dependent spouse or dependent child (under age 23)
- Applies to deaths occurring on/after 1 Aug 2009
- Applies for usage on/after 1 Aug 2018





#### **DECEASED DEPENDENT**



Above screen shot: Months are transferred from a deceased CM to an eligible member, i.e. from Charlotte (deceased) to Billie Racic.





- EXAMPLE #1: Dependent death -Candis
- SM/VET had transferred:
  - ➤ 1 month to Spouse, Sally
  - > 1 month to Child, Candis
  - 34 months retained by SM/VET
- Colmery Act allows:
  - SM/VET transfer 1 month to Sally via milConnect
  - SM/VET cannot return month to self
- Options for SM/VET:
  - SM/VET transfer most or all of remaining unused non-Colmery 34 months to Sally via milConnect
  - SM/VET retain most or all of remaining unused non-Colmery 34 months for own use

- EXAMPLE #2: Dependent death -Te'Andra
- SM/VET had transferred:
  - ➤ 12 months to Spouse, Loretta
  - 12 months to Child, Te'Andra
    - used 8 months / 4 unused
  - 12 months to Child, Dwayne
  - 0 months retained by SM/VET
- Colmery Act allows:
  - SM transfer 4 unused months to Loretta / Dwayne via milConnect
  - SM cannot return month(s) to self
- Options for SM/VET:
  - SM/VET transfer 4 unused months to Loretta / Dwayne
  - SM/VET modify remaining unused non-Colmery 24 months between Loretta / Dwayne (not Te'Andra)
  - SM/VET retain most or all of remaining unused non-Colmery 24 months for own use





## EXAMPLE #3: Dependent death -

### **Marcus**

- VET had transferred:
  - ➤ 1 month to Spouse, Peter
  - ➤ 1 month to Child, Marcus
  - 34 months retained by VET
- Colmery Act allows:
  - VET transfer 1 month to Peter via milConnect
  - VET gained new dependent child, Sue, after sep/ret, so:
    - Sue's DOB: 20170815, under age 23
    - VET transfer 1 month to Sue
  - VET cannot return month to self
- Options for VET:
  - VET transfer most or all of remaining unused non-Colmery 34 months to Peter, NOT Sue
  - VET retain most or all of remaining unused non-Colmery 34 months for own use





- Sec 110
- Upon SM/VET death:
  - Deceased SM/VET is now called a "Colmery Member (CM)"
  - Months unallocated by SM/VET are lost...cannot be transferred after SM/VET death
  - Colmery Eligible (CE) dependent must be 18 years of age to formally inform VA to transfer their months
  - CE dependent age 18 or older may transfer unused months to another CE dependent spouse or CE dependent child (under age 23)
  - Dependent cannot access the TEB page in milConnect, so Dependent must contact the VA to:
    - apply via "Right Now Web" at https://gibill.custhelp.va.gov
    - VA Regional Processing Office (RPO) will assist

- Sec 110
- Upon SM/VET death:
  - If SM/VET passes before adding all eligible dependents to DEERS, a Surviving Dependent can:
    - Contact VA to ask which surviving dependents are eligible
    - Contact a DEERS office to add dependent to DEERS
  - VA can then manage the months on behalf of the SM/VET
  - Ward / Foster Child before 5 Jan 2021 are ineligible. PL116-315, Section 1011 made Ward / Foster Child eligible o/a 5 Jan 2021.
- Applies to deaths occurring on/after
   1 Aug 2009
- Applies for usage on/after 1 Aug 2018





- EXAMPLE #1: SM/VET death
- SM/VET had transferred:
  - ➤ 1 month to Spouse, Sally
  - > 1 month to Child, Candis
  - ➤ 34 months retained by SM/VET
- Colmery Act allows:
  - Spouse transfer 1 month to Candis
  - Child transfer 1 month to Sally
  - > 34 months lost
- Recommend:
  - Next of Kin request relief to transfer months effective the day before the date of death
    - complete DD Form 149
    - Apply to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)

- EXAMPLE #2: SM/VET death
- SM/VET had transferred:
  - > 0 month to Spouse, Sally
  - > 18 months to Child, Candis
    - used 8 months
  - 0 months to Child, Dwayne
    - DOB: 19950315, age 23
  - ➤ 18 months retained by SM/VET
- Colmery Act allows:
  - Child, Candis can transfer 10 months to Sally
  - Child, Candis cannot transfer 10 months to Child, Dwayne since he was not made eligible before age 23
  - > 18 months lost
- Recommend:
  - Next of Kin request relief on DD Form 149 through ABCMR (see previous column)





- Encourage SM/VET to transfer most or all months to dependents!!!
- SM/VET can always revoke or modify (even a month at a time) to ensure dependents receive the maximum benefits should SM/VET pass away





- Sec 112
- SM/VET discharge from Active Duty or REFRAD <u>before</u> 1 Jan 2013:
  - ➤ 15 year delimiting window
  - Applies to SM/VET spouse
  - VA determines delimiting window
  - Example: USAR Soldier
    - REFRAD on 20 Aug 2010
    - Retired 5 Apr 2015
    - Remains eligible for PGIB until
       20 Aug 2025, not FOREVER
    - Why?
    - Last discharge from Active Duty or REFRAD was before 1 Jan 2013

- Sec 112
- SM/VET discharge from Active Duty or REFRAD <u>on/after</u> 1 Jan 2013:
  - FOREVER to use
  - Applies to SM/VET spouse
  - > Example: USAR Soldier
    - REFRAD on 20 Aug 2015
    - Retired 5 Apr 2017
    - Remains eligible for PGIB FOREVER
    - Why?
    - Last discharge from Active Duty or REFRAD was on/after 1 Jan 2013
- •Eff 1 Aug 2018
- NOTE: 15-year delimiting window resets
  after a Soldier serves 90 continuous AD days I
  or 30 continuous AD days w/svc-con disab
- •Eff 1 Aug 2018





- Sec 112
- Child FRY Scholarship:
  - ➤ 15 year delimiting window applies to child when:
    - Child reaches age 18 before
       1 Jan 2013, and
    - sponsoring SM dies before1 Jan 2013
    - expires at the end of the 15year period beginning on the date of child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (33<sup>rd</sup> birthday)
  - FOREVER to use when:
    - Child reaches age 18 on/after 1 Jan 2013, or
    - Sponsoring SM dies on/after1 Jan 2013
  - Eff 1 Aug 2018

- Sec 112
- Spouse FRY Scholarship:
  - PL 113-146, Sec 701, dated 7 August 2014 made a spouse eligible for FRY Scholarship also, but delayed effective date to 1 January 2015
  - So all spouses with FRY Scholarship are eligible to use FOREVER
  - Eff 1 Aug 2018





- Sec 501
- Students who first use the Post 9/11 GI Bill Program on/after 1 January 2018 will receive monthly housing allowance based on the DoD's reduced basic housing allowance for monthly housing rates.
- Those that began using benefits prior to 1 January 2018 will continue to receive a higher monthly housing rate based in the non-adjusted BAH rates.

- Sec 501
- See "WEAMS" site,
  - https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do
  - Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS)
  - See following slides
- Eff 1 Jan 2018



# Sec 501. Monthly Housing Stipend – VA Rate or DoD Reduced Rate?



Visit: Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS)

https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do





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#### WEAMS INSTITUTION SEARCH

<u>ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ</u>

92 items found, displaying 1 to 50.

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#### Search Results

	Institution Name
ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-DANVILLE	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-FLORENCE	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-LEXINGTON CAMPUS	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-LOUISVILLE CAMPUS	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-PIKEVILLE	
AMERICAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY-RICHMOND	
ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	
ASBURY UNIVERSITY	
ASHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE	
ATA COLLEGE	
BAPTIST SEMINARY OF KENTUCKY	
BECKFIELD COLLEGE-FLORENCE	
BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY	
BEREA COLLEGE	



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## VA Rate or DoD Reduced Rate?

<u>INFO</u>

Basic Housing Allowance						
Zip Code		VA Rate			* DOD Rate	
40404	1269			200		
* DOD Rate applies to the Post 9/11	L GI Bill students w	ho had not previo	usly used th	neir benefits be	fore 1/1/2018	

## Yellow Ribbon School Info:

Academic Year	Yellow Ribbon Status
2018-2019	Yes



## **Appeals to ABCMR**



- Army recognizes that although significant measures were taken to disseminate information to all Soldiers within all Army components during the initial phase of the Post 9/11 GI Bill program, many Soldiers left service during the first 90 days of the program not fully aware of the requirement to transfer prior to leaving military service
- Veterans who retired or were on terminal leave and later retired during the first 90 days after the Post 9/11 GI Bill implementation date of 1 Aug 2009 may seek relief by submitting an appeal to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)
  - http://arba.army.pentagon.mil (select ABCMR option for more info)
- Veterans who retired on 1 Aug 2009 are ineligible for TEB because their last day in service was 31 July 2009
- NOTE: ABCMR has approved Soldiers with retirement dates up to 1 Feb 2010



## **Appeals to ABCMR**



- Aug 09-Apr 11: HRC EIB processed cases
- Apr 11: DCS, G-1 met with ABCMR and established the 90-day implementation phase
- May 11-Nov 11: DCS, G-1 processed all ABCMR cases
- Nov 11-Present: HRC EIB has processed 750 cases to date
- Currently: HRC EIB has 7 ABCMR Advisory Opinions or Correction cases pending:
  - > RA ENL: 5
  - > RA OFC / WO: 0 / 0
  - USAR ENL / OFC / WO: 1/2/0
- What types of cases are usually approved by the ABCMR?
  - Soldiers who didn't transfer because they retired or were on terminal leave and retired w/i 90 day-window after 1 Aug 09
  - Soldiers who transferred after 1 Aug 09 but didn't transfer at least 1 month to <u>other</u> dependents ("TEB to some but not all")
  - Soldiers who didn't transfer but sep/ret with PTSD and TBI per IDES or VA
  - Soldiers who accessed TEB portal in milConnect per DMDC historical record but did not successfully submit a TEB request



## **VA Regional Processing Office**



## (VA RPO) Requests

- VA RPOs: Buffalo and Muskogee
- Soldiers, Veterans, and Dependents apply to VA to use the various GI Bills and want VA to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE); however, data or documents are insufficient or lacking in VA systems. As a result, VA RPOs "dev out" (send emails) to military Services for assistance on areas such as:
  - > Army College Fund (ACF) (also known as "Kicker") code
  - Honorable periods of service
  - > Type of separation, reason for sep, character of service
  - Qualifying service (e.g. mobilization periods, AD)
  - ➤ DD Form 2366 acceptance/declination of MGIB-AD (Chapter 30)
  - ➤ USAR 6-year contract for MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606)
  - ➤ Verify training dates: BCT/AIT/OSUT completion
  - Regular Army Loan Repayment Program (LRP) eligibility
  - ➤ Post 9/11 GI Bill obligation periods for Academy grads, ROTC Scholarship, and RA LRP



# VA Regional Processing Office

## (VA RPO) Requests

- HRC Education Incentives Branch POCs who respond to VA RPO requests:
  - HRC GI Bill POCs for RA Soldiers:
    - Tim Brown, Krysten Lajara, and Derrick Huther
  - HRC GI Bill POCs for USAR Soldiers:
    - David Odell and Cody Lathrop
- HRC Education Incentives Branch analyzes:
  - Documents in iPERMS
  - Training codes in ATRRS
  - MGIB-SR eligibility codes and dates in RCMS
  - Status and dates in RCMS v3, RPAS, and IWS/SMS
  - Eligibility codes in RCMS
  - Dates and Codes in PERNET, EDAS, and TOPMIS
  - Obligation End Date in BEAST



# VA Regional Processing Office



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- HRC Education Incentives Branch provides ACF (Kicker) codes (e.g. BF, BG, BQ), not \$ amounts to VA
  - Please note Education Centers and Career Counselors should not use ACF codes in Army IgnitED (previously GoArmyEd) to counsel Soldiers
- Soldiers may email questions about the Post 9/11 GI Bill TEB, Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty AND ACF (Kicker) to the HRC Education Incentives Branch at: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@army.mil
- Soldiers may email questions about the Montgomery GI Bill-Select Reserve and US Army Reserve Kickers to the HRC Education Incentives Branch at:

usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib@army.mil





# Johnny Isaakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020



## **Public Law (PL) 116-315**



- PL 116-315 (5 Jan 2021), "Johnny Isaakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020"
- Changes occur 5 Jan 2021 and later; majority of changes 1 Aug 2021
- Amends multiple chapters within title 38, U.S.C.
  - Sec 1002: expands FRY Scholarship to include "in line of duty while serving on duty other than AD" and "from service-connected disability while Selected Reserve"; eff 1 Aug 2021
  - Section 1003: changes acceptance/declination for MGIB-AD CH30 from first 3 days to "between 180-270 days of AD"; eff 5 Jan 2023
  - Section 1004: sunset MGIB-AD CH30 on 30 Sep 2030 with last payment 10 years after sep/ret so likely last payment in 2060+; eff 30 Sep 2030
  - Section 1005: in-state tuition for all Veterans and Dep; eff 1 Aug 2021
  - Section 1009: 30+ days on AD to no longer receive PGIB CH33 housing if receiving BAH; eff 1 Aug 2021
  - Section 1011: Ward / Foster Child residing w/SM due to court order for at least
     12 months become eligible; eff 5 Jan 2021



## **Contact Information**



## - CONTACT A FRIEND -

#### DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER POST 9/11 GI BILL TEB WEBSITE

https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (DVA) GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

VA Help Line: 1-888-442-4551 — OR — https:\\ask.va.gov

VA General Information Website: http://www.benefits.va.gov

Accessing VA Education Benefits: https://www.va.gov/education/

Yellow Ribbon Participating Schools: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/">https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/</a>

GI Bill Comparison Tool: <a href="https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/">https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/</a>

## REGULAR ARMY & U.S. ARMY RESERVE – INCENTIVES PROGRAMS GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

Post 9/11 GI Bill & MGIB-AD Email Group Box: <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-post911gibill@army.mil</u>

MGIB-SR Email Group Box: <u>usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-mgib@army.mil</u>

Regular Army Loan Repayment Program Email Group Box: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-pdeei@army.mil

HRC Website - GI Bill: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/GI%20Bill%20Programs

HRC Website – RA LRP: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Loan%20Repayment%20Program

## ARMY NATIONAL GUARD – GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION

Incentives Help Line: 1-888-ARNG-EDU

ARNG GI Bill Email Drop Box: arng.esc.ch33@army.mil

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# Questions?