

Post 9/11 GI Bill

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Up to 36 months of benefits are payable depending on your length of active duty service. You may be eligible if you served at least 90 aggregate days of active duty on or after September 10, 2001, and you are still on active duty or were honorably:

- Discharged from active duty.
- Released from active duty for further service in a Reserve or National Guard unit of the Armed Forces, transferred to the Fleet Reserve of Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, or placed on the retired list or temporary disability retired list.
- Discharged for a service-connected disability and served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001.

To determine your eligibility and benefit level, contact the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 or visit www.gibill.va.gov. To view benefit eligibility tiers based on active duty time, visit www.military.com/education/content/gi-bill/new-post-911-gi-bill-overview.html.

Note: Service members are prohibited from using the same service period to establish eligibility for multiple VA programs.

BENEFIT INFORMATION

Benefits are available for 15 years following release from your last period of active duty of at least 90 consecutive days. Depending on your length of service, you are entitled to all or a percentage of the following:

- Tuition and fees for public institutions of higher learning are covered at the in-state or resident rate. *Note: Schools in many states allow service members to pay the in-state tuition rate regardless of their state of residence. Check with your school or the VA for further details.*
- Tuition and fees for private or foreign institutions of higher learning are capped at \$17,500 annually.
- For students attending a private institution located in AZ, MI, NH, NY, PA, SC or TX, you may qualify for increased payments if you have been enrolled in the same college or university since January 4, 2011, and the combined tuition and fees for full-time attendance for the 2010-11 academic year exceeded \$17,500 for your degree program. Contact the VA for more details.
- For active-duty service members or active-duty transferee spouses or dependents pursuing a degree at greater than half-time, tuition and fees are now prorated based on the eligibility tiers that have previously been established for veterans.
- Students enrolled at more than half-time but less than full-time will have their monthly housing allowance prorated to their rate of pursuit, rounded to the nearest 10th.
- Students enrolled solely in distance learning are eligible for monthly living stipends equal to ½ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents, which is currently at a rate of \$673/month.
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year.
- A one-time relocation payment of \$500 can be paid to certain service members relocating from highly rural areas.
- Education benefits will be expanded to include National Guard members mobilized on or after September 11, 2001. Benefits can be paid retroactively back to August 1, 2009.
- Reimbursements for license or certification test fees are provided for one or more tests. Every \$1,667 in test charges will eliminate one month of benefits.
- Reimbursement provided for National Exam fees, such as the SAT, ACT, LSAT, GMAT.
- Eligible service members, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) personnel and Public Health Service (PHS) personnel are able to transfer benefits to spouses or dependents.
- Disabled veterans that are eligible for vocational and rehabilitation benefits may choose to receive the Post 9/11 GI Bill monthly living stipend instead of the rehab program's subsistence allowance.
- Education benefits are now expanded to include non-degree programs (capped at \$17,500/yr.), correspondence training (capped at \$8,500/year), apprenticeship and on-the-job training (prorated based on time in program), and flight programs (capped at \$10,000/year).

Note: Interval payments (living stipends between school terms) will no longer be available for any VA education programs, except in times of natural disaster or national emergencies. Payments for the first and last month of the term will be prorated based on the actual days of the term.

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

Apply Online: Visit www.gibill.va.gov and choose "Apply for Benefits", which will lead you to VONAPP (Veterans' Online Application). If you need help getting started, follow the VA's "Roadmap to Success" which will help you calculate your benefits, compare VA programs, and determine the best benefit to use.

Apply by Mail: Obtain VA Form 22-1990 online at www.gibill.va.gov under the "Apply" section of the "Roadmap to Success", or you can request a copy to be mailed to you at 1-888-GIBILL-1. Mail your completed form and other documentation to your appropriate VA Regional Processing Office, which can be found in the "Apply" section of the GIBILL webpage. A list of possible documentation you may need to include can be viewed on the VA GI Bill website in the "Step 6: Apply" section of the "Roadmap to Success".

QUESTIONS? Visit the "Support" section of the GI Bill website at www.gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-GIBILL-1.

For detailed information on benefit updates, visit www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post911_gibill/Post911_changes.html

To view a benefit comparison chart, visit the 'Benefit Resources' section of the GIBILL webpage under 'Resources', then click the 'Benefit Comparison Tools' link, or visit www.gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/ch33/benefit_comparison_chart.htm

For more information, contact a helpful Education Resource Information representative today at 857-288-0973



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