

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Transferability

To qualify to transfer benefits, a service member must meet the following criteria:

- x Have unused entitlement to the Post-9/11 Bill.
- x Currently be serving in the Armed Forces, either Active-Duty or drilling Reservist. *Note: once a service member leaves the Armed Forces, benefits can no longer be transferred.*
- x Have served at least six years in any branch of the Armed Forces.
- x Commit to *four* additional years of service. Special provisions have been allowed by the Department of Defense (DoD) for those service members who are or become retirement eligible on August 1, 2009 through August 1, 2013. Detailed information can be found at http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill

Application Instructions for Transferability

Step 1: All service members

Complete online application through the DoD Transferability of Education benefits (TEB) website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>. Service members must log on with Common Access Card, CAC or Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) pin. Only DEERs eligible dependents will populate as possible dependents for transferability.

To add dependents or update information, go online to <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/>, visit your local Uniformed Services Personnel Office (find the office nearest you at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/>) or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) at 1-800-538-9552.

Step 2: Enlisted service members with less than four years remaining on their service contract Complete DA Form 4836 (Oath of Extension of Enlistment or Reenlistment) to extend your ETS with your command. This form can also be found online at <http://www.usa-federal-forms.com/dod-da.html>. Your extension must be beyond your service commitment that is required for transferability. The extension will need to be loaded and reflected in your service account in order for your transferability request to be approved.

Step 3: All service members

Complete and sign the Post-9/11 Educational Benefits Transferability Commitment and Statement of Understanding (SOU) form with your command. This form is sent upon completion of the TEB application.

Step 4: All approved dependents

Once the TEB and SOU applications are approved, the sponsor will be notified by e-mail. The approved dependent can now apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (when needed) by completing VA form 22-1990e. To access a paper copy, go to <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>. An electronic version of this form can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs On-line application website (VONAPP) at: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

Dependents should click on the start VONAPP after establishing a user name, select "create a new form" from the drop down menu and select form 22-1990e. After submission, VA will process the request and issue a Certificate of Eligibility for the approved dependent. Further processing instructions will be included with the Certificate.

QUESTIONS? To view the most up-to-date information, visit www.gibill.va.gov/post-911. To view FAQs or ask a specific question, visit https://www.gibill2.va.gov/cgi-bin/vba.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php or call 1-888-GIBILL-1.

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

