

VA Benefit Chapters

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers a variety of education benefit programs. Many Veterans and Active Duty personnel may qualify for more than one program. For help deciding which program is the best fit you should review the information we have provided and visit the VA Education webpage.

Once you determine which benefit you will use you can apply online.

Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty

This program provides up to 36 months of educational benefits to eligible veterans and currently pays up to \$1,928 per month for a full-time student. It is for both degree and vocational programs, certificates or correspondence courses, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, flight training programs, licenses and certifications, and even remedial and refresher courses, under certain circumstances.

More current and detailed information can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp.

Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Program is authorized by Congress under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 31. It is sometimes referred to as the Chapter 31 program. The VR&E program assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable careers. For Veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, VR&E offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

More current and detailed information can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment.

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill®

Eligibility Requirements

Only active duty service performed after September 10, 2001, may be considered for determining eligibility for the benefit. The program's effective date is August 1, 2009. For approved programs, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides up to 36 months of education benefits. If your release from active duty was before January 1, 2013, there is a 15-year time limitation for use of benefits. For individuals whose last discharge date is on or after January 1, 2013, the time limitation has been removed. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the institution, not to the student. To be eligible, a service member or veteran must have:

- Served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, to earn 40% of the benefit, and served at least 36 months to earn 100% of the benefit;
- Been honorably discharged or been honorably discharged for a service-connected disability (and served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001).

More current and detailed information can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Chapter 35 - Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. The benefits may be used for degree programs, and on-the-job training. Spouses may take correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

More detailed information regarding Chapter 35 can be found on the VA website
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>

Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill® - Selective Reserve

The MGIB-SR program may be available to members of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard. The benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

More current and detailed information can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website, [Montgomery GI Bill-Selective Reserve](#).

Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

REAP was established as a part of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a new Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the president or Congress.

More current and detailed information can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website, [REAP](#).

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