

Veteran's Administration Benefits

Reviewing the Basics

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Application Process

- ▶ Submit VA Form 22-1990 (CH30,33,1606)
 - VONAPP
 - As early as possible
 - Can be processed within 4-6 weeks
 - COE sent directly to enrollee
 - Not needed to register
- ▶ Submit VA Form 28-1900 (CH31)
 - Paper form (or eBenefits)
 - As early as possible
 - Process can take up to 6 months or more
 - Must have contact with VR counselor to enroll

Montgomery GI Bill-CH30

- ▶ Benefits
 - Entitled to 36 months of benefits-48 months maximum under two programs
 - Benefit usually expires within 10 years of election
 - Monthly allowance paid directly to student FT-\$1,857
¼ time or less-\$464.25
- ▶ Eligibility
 - Have received an honorable discharge; AND have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 college credits; AND meet the requirements of one of the categories outlined by the VA (Next Slide)
 - May be eligible for additional funds if contributed in the buy-up program

Montgomery GI Bill–CH30 Cont'd

- ▶ CATEGORY I
 - Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
 - Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for first 12 months
 - Continuously served for three years or two years, if that is what you first enlisted for or if you entered the Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served four years (the 2 by 4 program)
- ▶ CATEGORY II
 - Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
 - Served at least one day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88, (or through 6/30/87 if you entered the Selected Reserve within one year of leaving active duty and served four years)
 - On 12/31/89, you had entitlement left from Vietnam-era GI Bill
- ▶ CATEGORY III
 - Not eligible for MGIB under Category I or II
 - On active duty on 9/30/90 AND separated involuntarily after 2/2/91
 - OR involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93
 - OR voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
 - Before separation, you had military pay reduced by \$1,200
- ▶ CATEGORY IV
 - On active duty on 10/9/96 AND you had money remaining in a VEAP account on that date AND you elected MGIB by 10/9/97
 - OR you entered full-time National Guard duty under title 32, USC, between 7/1/85, and 11/28/89, AND you elected MGIB during the period 10/9/96 – 7/08/97
 - Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1,200 lump-sum contribution

Montgomery GI Bill–CH 1606

- ▶ **Benefits**
 - Entitled to 36 months of benefits–48 months maximum under two programs
 - Monthly allowance paid directly to student FT–\$369 > 1/2 time–\$92.95
- ▶ **Eligibility**
 - Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985.
 - Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT).
 - Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement.
 - Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.

Post-9/11 GI Bill – Benefits

- ▶ Tuition and fees – Public v. Private
- ▶ Monthly Housing Allowance
- ▶ Annual book stipend
- ▶ Benefit expires 15 years from date of last discharge
- ▶ Entitled to 36 months – 48 months maximum under two programs
- ▶ If eligible, benefits are the same when transferred

Post-9/11 GI Bill – Eligibility

Service Requirements	% of Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18	60
At least 06 months, but less than 12	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40

Eligibility Continued

- ▶ Rate of pursuit:
 - 7 credits–60% 12 credits–100%
- ▶ Transfer of Entitlement
 - At least 10 years of service
 - Transferor must elect to transfer
 - Transferee must submit application
- ▶ Frye Scholarship
 - Spouses and children
 - Family member died in the line of duty

Vocational Rehabilitation

- ▶ Benefits
 - Subsistence allowance (Similar to Post–9/11 if eligible)
 - Books and supplies
 - Private tuition/fees
- ▶ Eligibility
 - Discharge other than dishonorable
 - Service–connected disability rating of at least 10%

Dependents' Educational Assistance

- ▶ **Benefits**
 - Monthly Stipend up to \$1,024 – Full time
 - Used for degree or certificate programs, apprenticeship and OJT
 - Entitled to receive up to 45 months of benefit
- ▶ **Eligibility**
 - Son, daughter, or spouse of:
 - Veteran who has died or is permanently and totally disabled due to service connected disability
 - Died from any cause while service connected disability was in existence
 - POW/MIA
 - Children: Age 18–26
 - Spouse: 10 years from date of death or VA eligibility

Additional Resources

- ▶ **eBenefits:**
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
- ▶ **VonAPP:**
<http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp>
- ▶ **VA School Certifying Official Handbook:**
http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/job_aids/SCO_Handbook.pdf
- ▶ **VA Education & Training:**
<http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

