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# Who is Eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits?

You are eligible if you entered on active duty on or after 09/11/2001 and:

- Served a period of at least 90 aggregate days.
- May have enrolled in earlier programs such as the:
  - Original GI Bill
  - Post-Viet Nam Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP), Chapter 32
  - Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), Chapter 30
- Or were eligible and declined to enroll in the VEAP or MGIB.



## Benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. (Continued)

- For active duty members, former members and their transferees the benefit:
  - Pays the costs of tuition and fees based on the cost for full-time student status, at the in-state tuition rate, charged by the public institution having the highest rate in the state in which the individual is enrolled.
  - Caps private and foreign school benefits at \$17,500 annually.
  - Participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, for participating schools, allows the school and VA to pay additional benefits above the basic state tuition.

## Benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill are based on length of service.


- The education benefit is limited to the net cost for tuition and fees prorated based on the following eligibility tiers (40%-100%) .

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	% of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days and discharge due to service-connected disability	100
At least 30 months < 36	90
At least 24 months < 30	80
At least 18 months < 24	70
At least 12 months < 18	60
At least 6 months < 12	50
At least 90 days < 6 months	40



## How much does it cost to apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits?

- There is no cost for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- Benefits under the new program are free, unlike the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) which cost \$1,200 to enroll.




## Post-9/11 payments vs. MGIB payments.

- Where the Post-9/11 GI Bill pays the costs of tuition and fees, the MGIB benefit has a fixed benefit amount of \$1,423 a month for full time status.
- For active duty members the MGIB benefit is capped at the cost of tuition and fees even if that cost is less than the \$1,423 benefit. For less than full-time status the benefit is pro-rated.




## Post-9/11 Housing Allowance.

- Veterans and transferees are also eligible for a monthly Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) based on the BAH for an E-5 in the state in which the school is located.
- Active duty members are not eligible for the housing allowance.



## If I have used some of my benefits under the MGIB what benefits will I get under the Post-9/11 program?

- If you have **remaining** entitlement under the MGIB and apply for benefits under Post-9/11, you can only receive benefits equal to the amount of your remaining entitlement. Because each VA education program provides 36 months of benefits, a member who has used 18 months of benefits under the MGIB will only be eligible for 18 months of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- However, if you have used all 36 months of your benefits under MGIB you can still enroll in the Post-9/11 GI Bill and receive up to 12 additional months of benefits. This is because the VA will allow up to 48 months of benefits under combined programs.



## If I have used some of my benefits under the MGIB what benefits will I get under the Post-9/11 Program cont.

- If you have less than 12 months remaining under MGIB, you may wish to exhaust all of your MGIB benefits before enrolling in the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- Please call the Department of Veteran Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 to determine your remaining VA Education Benefit.



## Is there a refund of the \$1,200 enrollment fee if you switch from MGIB to Post-9/11?

- If you have unused benefits under the MGIB, a portion of the \$1,200 enrollment fee will be refunded to you once you have exhausted your benefits under Post-9/11.
- However, any refund of the \$1,200 will be made as an increase to **your** last monthly housing allowance payment.
- So you cannot receive a refund of your MGIB contribution until you have separated from active duty and exhausted your benefits.



# Licensing and Certification Test

- Allows reimbursement for more than one “license or certification” test (previously only one test was allowed).
- Allows reimbursement of fees paid to take national exams used for admission to an institution of higher learning (e.g., SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT)



## Other changes effective October 1, 2011.

Allows students to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill for –

- Non-college degree (NCD) programs: Pays actual net cost for in-State tuition and fees at public NCD institutions. At private and foreign institutions, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees or \$17,500, annually whichever is less.
- On-the-job and apprenticeship training: Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.



## Other changes effective October 1, 2011. (continued)

- Flight programs: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000, whichever is less.
- Correspondence training: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500, whichever is less.



## Other changes effective October 1, 2011. (continued)

- Housing allowance is now payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance payable is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents.
- Allows students on active duty to receive a books and supplies stipend.
- To determine the current BAH rate, review the BAH Calculator at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm> on the Defense Travel Management Office Web site.



# How to apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill is administered through the VA. PHS does not enroll you in the Post-9/11 program.
- To apply for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill you should go to the VA Web site at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and follow the links to education benefits and the online application form “VONAPP.”
- If you are currently enrolled in MGIB or VEAP, the VA will permanently dis-enroll you from those programs when it processes your application for Post-9/11 program.



# Transferability

PHS and NOAA officers are now eligible to transfer their Post-9/11 benefits to spouses and children up to age 23 who are eligible dependents in the DEERS data base.



# Transferability Summary

In order to transfer benefits a service member must:

1. Be on active duty;
2. Have served at least 6 years and agrees to serve an additional 4 years of service;
3. Have served at least 10 years on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute; or
4. Have been eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009.



## Additional Service Requirements for Officers Requesting a Transfer of Education Benefits

Number of years of creditable service as of **1 August 2009**;

- 20 or more years of military service **on 1 August 2009**
  - no additional service is required.
- 19 or more years but less than 20 on **1 August 2009**
  - **1 year** of additional service is required.
- 18 or more years but less than 19 on **1 August 2009**
  - **2 years** of additional service is required.
- 17 or more years but less than 18 on **1 August 2009**
  - 3 years of additional service is required.
  - Less than 17 years
  - 4 years of additional service is required.



# Transferability Benefits

- An eligible Service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, or the entire 36 months if the member has used none.
- An individual approved to transfer his or her benefit may transfer that entitlement to his or her spouse, to one or more of his or her children, or to a combination of his or her spouse and one or more children.



# Transferability Benefits

Family member use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:

## Spouse:

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member remains in the Uniformed Service or after separation from active duty.
- Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books and supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.



# Transferability Benefits

## Child:

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Uniformed Service.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Uniformed Service or after separation from active duty.
- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
- Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books and supplies stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
  - monthly stipend = BAH payment at the E5 rate
  - books and supplies stipend = \$1,000 per year
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.



# Transferability Summary

- Children must be eligible dependents in DEERS to receive transferred benefits.
- Children over the age of 21 are only eligible if they are a full-time student who has not reached their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday or are incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental incapacity. loose eligible dependent status at age 21, unless extended.
- Once transferred, a child can use the benefits to age 26.



## Transferability Summary (Continued)

- Service member may modify or revoke the transfer of unused benefits anytime.
- Unused transferred benefits will revert back to the service member.
- Death of a service member will not affect the use of the dependent benefits



# Transferability Procedures

Service members requests a transfer benefits by logging onto the Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>.

- Step #1: Officer requests transfer of benefits.
  - Logon with CAC card, DoD Self-Service Logon, or DFAS PIN
  - Click on each empty box to acknowledge each statement on TEB site.
  - Click “EDIT” to open eligible dependents name
  - Select transfer begin date.
  - Select transfer end date.
  - Select number of months to transfer to each dependent.
  - Do not check “revoke” unless revoking a transfer.
  - Click save; Officer’s status on the TEB page reflects “submitted”; date of status will be blank.



# Transferability Procedures

- **Note:** Most PHS officers do not have DFAS PIN's or CAC card readers. However you may apply for a DoD Self-service Logon at the nearest VA Service Center or TRICARE Service Center. It is recommended that you contact the nearest facility to verify that they are capable of providing this service before appearing in person.
- If you are not located near one of these facilities you should email the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations at [occohelpdesk@hhs.gov](mailto:occohelpdesk@hhs.gov) for assistance.



# Transferability Procedures

Step #2: Officer notifies certifying official that a request was submitted.

- By email at [OCCOHelpdesk@hhs.gov](mailto:OCCOHelpdesk@hhs.gov)

Step #3: OCCO reviews the request and provide the officer with a Transfer Agreement regarding additional incurred service which the officer must sign and return to OCCO. OCCO will review the Agreement and the officer's status and, where appropriate, will approve the request to transfer benefits.

- OCCO notifies the office and advises them that their dependent(s) can now apply for the transferred benefits.



# Transferability Procedures

Step #4: Dependents establish eligibility - certificate of eligibility from the VA

- Dependents must log on the VA VONAPP website and establish their account with the VA <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
- Complete VA Form 22-1990e, (do not use any other form)
- Submitted VA Form 22-1990e via the website
- A hard copy of the form is accessible as a pdf form that has to be mailed. Hard copy form can be found at:  
<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>

■ Step #5:

- a. School must complete a VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, and submit to the VA, which validates the status of the eligible dependent and
- b. allows tuition payment to the school / stipend payment to the student.

# If you have questions please contact

- Norman Chichester or Mary Boone on the GI Bill Benefits line at (240) 453-6130.
- Or via email at [occohelpdesk@hhs.gov](mailto:occohelpdesk@hhs.gov)

