

Benefit Program (Chapter) Information

Veterans, Reservists/Guardsmen and Dependents are separated into different categories or “chapters” that define eligibility requirements and determine benefits. Click on any of the links for more information about the various chapters to determine which one may apply to you.

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The DVA publishes the “Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents” booklet, http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp which includes comprehensive information about all VA benefits. Free copies are sometimes available in the Registrar’s Office.

Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs:

1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) for education benefit information

1-800-827-1000 for all other VA benefits

Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB)

The Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty program (MGIB) provides a maximum of 36 (or its part-time equivalent) months of education benefits to eligible veterans. You may be eligible after 2 years of continuous active duty.

If you are no longer in the service, you may be eligible for benefits if you have an Honorable Discharge, earned a high school diploma or GED (or earned 12 college credits in some cases), and meet the requirements of one of the following categories: (there are four categories in Chapter 30). Click here (or copy & paste to browser) to see the categories:

http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/montgomery_gibill/active_duty.html

The monthly benefit is based on category, the type of training taken, length of service, your category, and the amount of money (known as "kickers") placed into your MGIB fund by the Department of Defense.

For more information visit: www.gibill.va.gov or call the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

This program is for veterans who have a service-connected disability and the VA has determined that training and rehabilitation are needed to overcome an employment handicap.

For more information visit: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm>

Chapter 32: Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Veterans eligible for assistance under Chapter 32 must have entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 (Post-Vietnam) and enrolled and contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987.

For more information visit: http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/veap.html

Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective for training on or after August 1, 2009. For more information visit: http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/index.html

Chapter 35: Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

Chapter 35 provides educational assistance paid to eligible dependents (spouse or children) of a Veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability.

For more information visit: www.vba.va.gov/survivors/index.htm

Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve

This program is available to active members of the Selected Reserve, including the National Guard, and requires an obligation to serve of not less than 6 years.

For more information visit:

http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/montgomery_gibill/selected_reserve.html

Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607 is for active members of the Selected Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve called to active duty in response to a contingency operation declared by the President or Congress.

For more information visit: http://gibill.va.gov/benefits/other_programs/reap.html

Recipients of Ch. 30, 1606 and 1607 must verify their attendance once a month before payment is processed and sent to the Veteran. This process is called WAVE – Web Automated

Verification of Enrollment. More information visit: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>

Education Benefit Payment Rates

To view the payment rate charts, visit:

http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.html