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The information in this booklet is educational.

The VA is the only entity that can determine eligibility.

About Us

The Idaho State Approving Agency approves programs for veterans and beneficiaries to use GI Bill benefits.

We safeguard the integrity of the GI Bill by ensuring the programs approved are of good quality and content. Our mission is to protect our veterans and the benefits they have earned through their sacrifice.

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VA Education Help Line: (888)442-4551

VA's Website: <https://www.va.gov>

VA Education Website: <https://www.va.gov/education/>

Contact Us

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Veterans Education Benefits Overview



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Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) - Chapter 35

Dependents of veterans who are rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability or died while on active duty or as the result of a service-connected disability may receive educational assistance through this benefit.

Examples of eligible beneficiaries are:

- A Child between the ages of 18-26 years of age
- A Surviving Spouse
- A spouse of a veteran with a permanent and total disability rating or listed as POW or MIA
- *Beneficiaries whose sponsor was rated 100 P/T after August 1, 2023, will not have a delimiting date*

Beneficiaries using Chapter 35 DEA are entitled to a monthly stipend for the time that they are enrolled in school, prorated based on the rate of pursuit.

If you are using Chapter 35 DEA, it is your responsibility to pay tuition and fees to your training institution.

Did you know Chapter 35 DEA can be used in high school until August 1, 2026?

If your dependents are eligible for DEA, they can receive up to five extra months of benefits in addition to the 36 months while enrolled in high school.

They must be 18 years old and attending an approved school.

Not sure if your dependent's school is approved? Check out the GI Bill Comparison Tool linked on page 1!



Veterans Readiness and Employment - VR&E Chapter 31

VR&E assists veterans with service-connected disabilities which prevent them from working. The benefit will assist with:

- Job skills and training
- Employment accommodations
- Training in job-seeking and resume-building skills
- Other education and training needs

You may be eligible for VR&E if you have a service-connected disability rating of 10% or more.

You can apply for VR&E by following this QR Code!



Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve - Chapter 1606

To use this benefit, you will need to obtain a copy of your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) from your unit and apply online.

Eligibility for this program ends when you leave the reserves; there are exceptions, so reach out to a VA representative regarding any exception to this rule.

If using this benefit and attending courses at a rate of half-time or greater, you may also use Tuition Assistance.

Getting Started



How can I use my benefits?

You can use your benefits for diverse types of training:

- Undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Non-college degree programs and trade schools
- On-the-job training and apprenticeships
- Licensing and Certification test reimbursement

Follow this QR Code to the GI Bill Comparison Tool where you can estimate your entitlement and find out if your desired educational institution or company is approved.



How do I apply for my education benefits?

You can apply for benefits directly from the VA website at www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/.

Scroll to the green "Find my education benefits form" button.

Answer the questions that pop up to take you to the correct application.

It's as easy as that! You don't even need to create a log in. It will take the VA approximately 30 days to process your application. You will receive a letter with your eligibility determination shortly after.

**Scan the QR code at the beginning of each header for more information about that benefit.*



Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33

You may be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill if you have a qualifying term of active-duty service after 9/11/2001. If you have 90 days or more of active-duty service, you may qualify for a percentage of this benefit.

Chapter 33 or Post 9/11 GI Bill pays tuition directly to the school if attending a trade school, college, or university.

If you served on qualifying active-duty service for a total of 1,095 days (at least 36 months) and are attending a public institution, this benefit will pay 100% of your tuition and fees.

You will also receive a monthly stipend based on your rate of pursuit and a books and supplies payment of up to \$1,000 per academic year.

If you separated after January 1, 2013, your benefit does not have a delimiting date. If you separated prior to January 1, 2013, you have 15 years to use this benefit.

Eligibility

If you have questions regarding what your eligibility percentage may be based on your active-duty time, refer to the information below:

- **910 to 1,094 days (30 to 35 months):** 90% of the full benefit
- **730 to 909 days (24 to 29 months):** 80% of the full benefit
- **545 to 729 days (18 to 23 months):** 70% of the full benefit
- **180 to 544 days (6 to 17 months):** 60% of the full benefit
- **90 to 179 days (90 days to 5 months):** 50% of the full benefit



Transferring Benefits

You may be eligible to transfer your Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits **if all the following are true:**

- You've completed at least six years of service on the date your request is approved, **and**
- You agree to add four more years of service, **and**
- The person getting benefits has enrolled in DEERS.

Children of service members must use this benefit prior to age 26 and only after the service member has completed 10 years of service.

You must enroll dependents while you are still in service. You will not be able to enroll dependents once you have left the military. Once you have enrolled your dependents, you may assign or remove benefits as needed.



Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty - Chapter 30

With the Montgomery GI Bill, you will receive a lump sum payment to your bank account and will use that to pay school tuition and fees. You will also receive a monthly housing allowance while enrolled in your program.

You may qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill if you paid \$100/month for 12 months while in service. The Montgomery GI Bill has a 10-year delimiting date, meaning that you have 10 years from the last day of active-duty service to use this benefit.

The amount you receive will depend on your length of service and the type of training program you choose.

If you paid into this benefit and did not use it, you may qualify for a refund.