



GI Bill®

**Veterans Education Program
Manager**

Idaho Overview

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- Chapter Benefits w/VEAA 2017 changes
- OJT / Apprenticeships
- Idaho job information – DOL, SIEDO

Idaho Division of Veteran Services - Education

State Approving Agency (SAA)

Mission:

To assess, inspect, approve and supervise education and training programs offered by qualified institutions of higher learning, training establishments and licensing and certification agencies.

How can I use my GI Bill®?

...almost any training

1. On-The-Job Training:
 - *Law Enforcement, Fire, Energy Sector*
2. Apprenticeships:
 - *Electrician, Plumber, HVAC, Mechanic*
3. Non-College Degree facilities:
 - *Truck Driving, Cosmetology, Real Estate, IT*
4. Licensing and Certifications:
 - *Cisco, Microsoft, CNA*
5. Institutes of Higher Learning
 - *Colleges and Universities*
6. Flight Schools

What type of GI Bill® do I have?

1. Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty
2. Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation
20% service-connected disability
3. Chapter 33 – Post 9-11 GI Bill ® - “Forever GI Bill ®”
4. Chapter 35 – Survivors and Dependents of 100% PERMANENT and TOTAL service connected disabled

Am I Eligible for the GI Bill®?

The **ONLY** way to determine eligibility is to have the beneficiary apply for the education benefit and receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

1. Online via Vets.gov
<https://www.vets.gov/education/>
2. Online via E-benefits
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
3. VA Form 22-1990 (DEC 2016)

Eligibility Criteria for Chapter 33

- Be **HONORABLY** discharged, placed on the retired list, temporary disability retired list, transferred to Fleet Reserve, or to Fleet Marine Corps Reserve; ***or***
- Be discharged or released for:
 - Injury Existing Prior to Service (EPTS),
 - Hardship (HDSP), *or*
 - Condition Interfered with Service (CIWD)

Chapter 33 - Post 9-11 GI Bill

Institutional Training based on rate of pursuit

Type of School	Maximum Reimbursement
Public School	All Tuition & Fee Payments for an in-State Student
Private or Foreign School	Up to \$22,805.34 per academic year - National Maximum
Online Training (no classroom)	\$840.50
Monthly Housing Allowance (83725)	\$1139

Plus a book stipend of up to \$1000 per academic year

Yellow Ribbon Program

- This is a FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED program. Institutions have limited availability as these are essentially scholarships.
- Only individuals entitled to Chapter 33 benefits at the 100 percent rate (based on service requirements) may receive this funding (same for Spouse and Dependents)
- IHLs may voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition and fees costs that exceed the highest in-state undergraduate tuition and fees for the State where the IHL is located

VEAA 2017
Changes: Adds Fry Scholarships,
PH Recipients (2018) & AD
personnel (2022)

Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill

Institutional Training based on rate of pursuit

Training Time	Monthly rate >=3 yrs service	Monthly rate <3 yrs service
Full time	\$1,928.00	\$1,566.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$1,446.00	\$1,174.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$964.00	\$783.00
less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time	\$964.00 **	\$783.00 **
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less	\$482.00 **	\$391.50 **

** Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount

Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training

“Skills, not Degrees”

- Both on-the-job (OJT) and apprenticeship training programs are available for Veterans using their VA education benefits, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill ®.
- These programs allow Veterans to learn a trade or skill through training on the job participation rather than attending formal classroom instruction.
- A Veteran generally enters into a training contract for a specific period with an employer or union, and at the end of the training period, the Veteran gains job certification or journeyman status.
- Employers generally pay a reduced OJT/apprenticeship wage (must be at least 50% of journeyman wage). Unless the training establishment is operated by a Federal, State, or local government, periodic wage increases must be granted and by the last full month of training, the wage must be at least 85% of the wage for a fully trained employee.
- Veterans in an approved program can use their GI Bill ® benefit and receive a tax-free stipend. The Post-9/11 GI Bill ® stipend is the equivalent of the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) of an E-5 with dependents, which is paid in addition to the entry-level wage.

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Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training

Example

Apprenticeship w/ Company Wages Journeyman Wage is \$24 / Hr

Training Period	Apprentice Wage	VA Stipend	Monthly Total
First six months of training	\$12/ \$1920 *	\$1139 / 100% of MHA	\$3,059
Second six months of training	\$14 / \$2240	\$911 / 80% of MHA	\$3,151
Third six months of training	\$16 / \$2560	\$683 / 60% of MHA	\$3,243
Fourth six months of training	\$18 / \$2880	455 / 40% of MHA	\$3,335
Remaining pursuit of training	\$20 / \$3200	228 / 20% of MHA	\$3,228
Remaining pursuit of training	\$22/ \$3520 *	228 / 20% of MHA	\$3,748

* Start at 50% of journeyman wage & finish at least 85% of journeyman wage

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Training Period	Apprentice Wage	VA Stipend	Monthly Total
First six months of training	\$12/ \$1920 *	\$1446	\$3,366
Second six months of training	\$14 / \$2240	\$1060	\$3,300
Third six months of training	\$16 / \$2560	\$675	\$3,235
Fourth six months of training	\$18 / \$2880	\$675	\$3,555
Remaining pursuit of training	\$20 / \$3200	\$675	\$3,875
Remaining pursuit of training	\$22/ \$3520 *	\$675	\$4,195

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References

- **Ask the VA a Question (Use this function!)** – This allows anyone to communicate directly with a VA education specialist
 - https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/utils/login_form/redirect/ask
 - Or Call the GI Bill ® helpline @ 1-888-GIBILL-1 (442-4551)

- **Important Websites:**
 - www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/ **(E-benefits to view COE)**
 - www.vets.gov/education **(Apply for / view COE)**
 - <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
 - https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_locator.asp
(Schools / VA-approved facility search)
 - <http://www.nasaa-vetseducation.com/Contacts.aspx>
(State Approving Agents)
 - <http://www.idaho.veterans.gov/education> **(list of VA & DOL Approved employers)**
 - **[VA Approved Employers](#)**

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OJT and Apprenticeship Resources

The GI Bill ® can be used in support of OJT (On the Job Training) and Apprenticeships, provided the training program is approved by the State Approving Agency. This is an industry-based training in which a Veteran or eligible beneficiary earns an entry-level wage while training for a designated skill or trade in a goal-oriented program. OJT's and Apprenticeships offer a variety of training experiences and a majority of trades are approvable providing that the establishment can satisfy the approval criteria.

- An OJT program is acceptable in length when it is at least six months, but not more than two years of full-time training per 38 CFR 21.4262(c)(3).

[Approved Apprenticeship and OJT Programs List](#)

[Printable Apprenticeship and OJT Guides for Employers and Veterans](#)



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