

Post-9/11 GI Bill Program

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Summary

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate (combined) service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days service. The Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective for training on or after August 1, 2009. This benefit may be transferable to spouses/dependents. This benefit is without cost to the Soldier.

“Qualifying Active Duty Service” for Chapter 33 purposes “means full-time duty in regular components of the Armed Forces or under a call to active duty under Title 10 U.S.C. 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304.” Soldiers MUST have one of the above pay codes listed on orders for that service period to qualify.

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Post-9/11 GI Bill Rates: There are seven payment levels. Payment level is determined by the aggregate total of qualifying periods of Title 10 active duty

Service Requirements (after 9/10/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of)	Payment Tiers Percentage
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 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
*At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
*At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50

*At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40
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* = The housing allowance and stipend are not payable to individuals on Title 10 active duty or spouses. The housing allowance is not payable to those pursuing training at half-time or less or to individuals enrolled in distance learning when 100% of the program is delivered in a distance learning format.

Based on the length of qualifying Title 10 active duty, Soldiers, and dependents are entitled to a percentage of the following payments:

The following Chapter 33 payments are **paid to the school**:

- Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-State undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher learning (IHL).

The following Chapter 33 payments are **paid to the eligible Servicemember, Veteran or dependent**:

- Monthly housing allowance * equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents. This is based on the zip code where the school is located.
- A stipend * for books and supplies of up to \$1,000 per year.

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Quick Guide: How to apply for Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) (of Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits to Dependents)

1. (All Soldiers) Complete online application through the [Department of Defense \(DOD\) Transferability of Education Benefits \(TEB\) Website](#). Soldiers must log on with Common Access Card (CAC) or Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) pin. Only DEERs-eligible dependents will populate as possible dependents for transferability.
2. (Enlisted Soldiers with less than four years remaining on their current service contract) May need to complete a DA Form 4836 (Oath of Extension of Enlistment or Reenlistment) to extend ETS. Extension must be beyond the service commitment that is required for transferability. The extension needs to be loaded into SIDPERS and iPERMS by the appropriate Unit/State. The GI Bill Support Team will not be able to approve any transferability requests unless they can verify that the extension was loaded into SIDPERS and iPERMS.
3. (All Soldiers) Complete and sign the Post 9/11 Educational Benefits Transferability Commitment and Statement of Understanding (SOU) [form](#). The SOU will not populate on this site until Step 2 has been completed. Return the completed and signed SOU form to the GI Bill Support Team by uploading it directly to the site (preferred method); emailing it to: gibill@pec.ngb.army.mil; or mailing it to: Education Support Center, ATTN: Post 9/11 GI Bill, Box 46 Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72199.
4. (All approved dependents) Once the TEB and SOU applications are approved, the sponsor will be notified by email at their AKO address. The approved

dependent can now apply for Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits (when desired) by completing a VA Form 22-1990e. This form can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans On-line application (VONAPP) website (<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>). Dependents must go to this webpage and click on the "Start VONAPP" button. Once a user name is established, select from the drop down menu to "create a new form" and select the "22-1990e". After electronically submitting this form, VA will process the request and issue a Certificate of Eligibility for the approved dependent. Further processing instructions will be included with the Certificate.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How long do Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits (Chapter 33) last?

A. Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits must be used within 15 years for Servicemembers and spouse from last release from a qualifying active duty date (of at least 90 days).

Q. What if a Servicemember is a graduate of a Service Academy or Active Duty ROTC program?

A. Graduates of a Service Academy or a ROTC (2107b) scholarship have an Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO). Once this obligation is fulfilled then those members may start accruing any eligible time to qualify for benefits.

Q. Who is eligible to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits to Dependents (TEB)?

A. Any member of the Armed Forces (Active Duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and:

- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve up to 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election, or
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (Active Duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (Service or DoD) or statute from committing up to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute, or
- Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A Servicemember is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.
 - For those individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009, no additional service is required.
 - For those individuals who have an approved retirement date after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, no additional service is required.
 - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service after approval of transfer is required.

- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service after approval of transfer are required.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service after approval of transfer required.

Q. What are the qualifications for an Eligible Dependent?

A. Qualifications include:

- An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:
 - The individual's spouse.
 - One or more of the individual's children.
 - Any combination of spouse and child.
- A Family Member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.
- A child's subsequent marriage will not affect his or her eligibility to receive the educational benefit; however, after an individual has designated a child as a transferee under this section, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.
- A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits; however, after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee under this section, the eligible individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

Q. What are the qualifications of the transferring Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to a family member?

A. An eligible Servicemember may transfer up to a maximum of 36 months of Post-9/11 benefit (subject to remaining unused benefits).

- Spouse use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:
 - May start to use the benefit immediately.
 - May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces 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 Servicemember's last separation from active duty.
- Child use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:
 - May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
 - May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces 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.
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

Q. Does the GI Bill funding have to be transferred in its entirety?

A. No. An individual approved to transfer an entitlement may transfer 1 month to 36 months of Post 9/11 benefits to the individual's spouse, and or one or more of the individual's children. Also that member may at a later date modify or revoke these benefits.

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Links

- [ARNG Education Home Page](#)
This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.
- [Veteran Affairs - GI Bill Home Page](#)
The GI Bill Home Page is the hub for all information pertaining to the GI Bill and provides specifics regarding finding a school and applying for benefits.
- [TEB DoD Website](#)
This site contains in-depth information about regarding GI Bill transferability to dependents including the process, policy, and application involved as well as responding to frequently asked questions.

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References

Regulations

- [38 CFR, Part 21, Subpart P](#)

Documents and Forms

- [ARNG Education Benefits Brochure](#)
- [ARNG Education Benefits Handbook July 2010](#)
- [DA Form 4836, Oath of Extension of Enlistment or Reenlistment](#)
- [NGB Post 9/11 GI Bill Briefing](#)
- [VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits](#)
- [VA Form 22-1990E, Application for Family Members to Transferred Benefits Use Benefits](#)

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Points of Contact

- ARNG Education Support Center
Email: esc@pec.ngb.army.mil
- ARNG GI Bill Support Team
Phone: (866) 628-5999
Email: gibill@pec.ngb.army.mil
- GI Bill General Information
Phone: 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
Be advised this line only accepts calls from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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