GI Bill Education & Training Benefits
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State Approving Agency Offices

State Approving Agency for the GI Bill

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Trade School
On The Job Training
Correspondence

Division of Apprentice Training
19 Staniford St, 1st Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Apprenticeship
The “GI Bill”

- Title 38 U.S Code & Code of Regulations
- Existing Beneficiary Chapters
  - Chapter 30: Active Duty
  - Chapter 32: Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP)
  - Chapter 35: Survivors & Dependents (DEA)
  - Chapter 1606: Selective Reserve (MGIB-SR)
  - Chapter 1607: Selective Reserve (REAP)
  - **Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill**
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| 30      | • Active Duty  
          • Veterans                      | • Paid $1,200 while on active duty                                                       | • 36 months of Full Time Training     | • Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran      | • 10 years after last discharge from active duty |
| 32      | • Members on active duty from 1/77–6/85 | • Monthly contributions of $25 – $2,700 while on active duty                               | • 1–36 months                         | • Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran      | • 10 years after last discharge from active duty |
| 33      | • Any service member with active duty after 9/10/01 and certain dependents | • None                                                                                   | • 36 months                           | • Tuition and Fees paid to school            | • 15 years from last discharge from active duty |
|          |                                    |                                                                                          | • 48 months for some veterans         | • Housing paid to student                    |                                          |
|          |                                    |                                                                                          |                                       | • Book allowance up to $1,000 paid to student |                                          |
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<td>35</td>
<td>- Survivor’s and Children of 100% disabled or deceased servicemembers</td>
<td>• None</td>
<td>• 45 months</td>
<td>• Monthly stipend paid direct to dependent or spouse</td>
<td>• 10–14 years from date of discharge or date of eligibility</td>
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<td>- Select Reservists</td>
<td>• None</td>
<td>• 36 months</td>
<td>• Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran</td>
<td>• When Reserve contract expires</td>
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<td>1607</td>
<td>- Select Reservists</td>
<td>• None for basic payments, but member can elect $600 “Buy Up”</td>
<td>• 36 months</td>
<td>Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran</td>
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How is the Post-9/11 GI Bill different?

- Extends benefit eligibility to 15 years*
  - Beneficiaries receive 36 months of benefits or 48 months if eligible for more than one program
- Consists of three payments
  - Tuition & fees (paid directly to school)
  - Book stipend up to $1000.00 per year
  - Housing allowance based on school zip
- Transferability provision to dependents*
- Length of service establishes maximum benefit

Veteran/Dependent is responsible for charges not covered by VA money.
Chapter 33 Eligibility

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<th>Active Duty* Service</th>
<th>% of Maximum Benefit Payable</th>
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<td>(after 9/10/01 serve an aggregate of)</td>
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<td>36 months</td>
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<td>30 continuous days</td>
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<td>(Must be discharged with a disability)</td>
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<td>30 months, but less than 36 months</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>24 months, but less than 30 months</td>
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<td>18 months, but less than 24 months</td>
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<td>12 months, but less than 18 months</td>
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<td>06 months, but less than 12 months</td>
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<td>90 days, but less than 06 months</td>
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*Includes some but not all National Guard Title 32 activation going back to 8/1/09 but not payable to 10/1/2011
## Basic Payments
### Public Institution of Higher Learning

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<td><strong>Tuition &amp; Fees</strong>&lt;br&gt;(paid to school)</td>
<td>Will pay up to 100% of Actual Public IHL Net Cost&lt;sup&gt;4&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Same as Veterans</td>
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<td><strong>BAH&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</strong></td>
<td>E-5 w/ dependents; school ZIP code (Prorated)</td>
<td>Ineligible to receive</td>
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<td><strong>Book Stipend</strong></td>
<td>Up to $1,000/year</td>
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<sup>1</sup>Rates also apply to children of veterans or active duty members, and to spouses of veterans.

<sup>2</sup>Rates also apply to spouses of active duty members; Title 10 or qualifying 32 activation for at least 90 days.

<sup>3</sup>Students enrolled for ½ time or less are ineligible for the housing allowance.

<sup>4</sup>All applicable Federal & State Aid must be applied before GI Bill payment (excluding title IV funds).
## Basic Payments
### Private / Foreign IHL

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<td><strong>Tuition &amp; Fees</strong></td>
<td>Will pay up to $17,500 per academic year for Private IHL <strong>Net Cost</strong>⁴</td>
<td>Same as Veterans Capped at $17,500.00</td>
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<td>(paid to school)</td>
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<td><strong>BAH³</strong></td>
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⁴All applicable Federal & State Scholarship and Grant Aid must be applied before GI Bill payment (excluding title IV funds)
Yellow Ribbon Program

- For 100%-eligible Ch. 33 veterans or dependents
  - Active duty members are ineligible

- Intended to pay for costs not covered by the basic payments

- Dollar-matching program between the school and VA
  - Veteran will be responsible for any remaining costs

- Yellow Ribbon Program is not guaranteed
  - Limited availability—first come, first serve
  - Optional participation by the school

- A list of participating schools can be found on the VA web site: www.gibill.va.gov
### Basic Payments
**Private Non College Degree**

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<td>Will pay up to $17,500 per academic year for Private NCD Net Cost (^4)</td>
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<td><strong>Book Stipend</strong></td>
<td>Pays Max of $83.00 per month (Prorated)</td>
<td>Same as Veterans</td>
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\(^3\) Students enrolled for ½ time or less are ineligible for the housing allowance

\(^4\) All applicable Federal & State Scholarship and Grant Aid must be applied before GI Bill payment (excluding title IV funds)
When Can You Certify a Student:

- **Institutions of Higher Learning (Chapter 33)**
  - As early as possible
  - If tuition and fees are known, submit term dates, credits and actual **NET** cost for T&F charges for each term
  - If tuition and fees are **NOT** known, submit term dates, credits and $0.00 cost for T&F charges for each term
  - Once tuition and fee charges are determined submit an amended enrollment certification with net cost, term dates and credits

- **Institutions of Higher Learning (Non Chapter 33)**
  - 120 days prior to the beginning of the term unless:
    - The student is less than ½ time, on active duty or certified for accelerated payment. The certification (including tuition and fees) has to be reported on or after the first day of class
What is “Net Cost”?

- Deduct from total required costs*:
  - Tuition & fee specific scholarships or grants
  - Institution, State, and/or Employer waivers/discounts
  - Employer tuition and fee benefit
  - Other DOD military tuition assistance programs

- What you can ignore:
  - General scholarships / grants (*not tuition and fee specific in nature*)
  - All Title IV Financial Aid
  - Loans

* Total Cost excludes: room & board, books and any non-required fee
### Example of a 22-1999 VA Enrollment Certification Form

**NOTE:** Tear off and read the Instruction and Certification Sheet before completing the form.

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

#### Enrollment Certification for Training Other than Apprenticeship or On-the-Job, Flight, or Correspondence Training


#### IMPORTANT: COMPLETE ONLY ONE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Complete this side ONLY if you are certifying assistance for these types of training shown in item 1. Use the reverse side for Apprenticeship, On-the-Job, Flight, or Correspondence training.

Pull out carbon and reverse before completing the other side of this form. Ensure that VA Copy 1 is on an as required basis.

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### Enrollment Data

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<td>[Student Name]</td>
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<td>2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</td>
<td>[Social Security Number]</td>
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<td>3. TYPE OF TRAINING</td>
<td>[Type of Training]</td>
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<td>4. ENROLLMENT EFFECTIVE DATE</td>
<td>[Effective Date]</td>
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<td>5. CREDIT HOURS</td>
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<td>6. SCHOOLS ATTENDING</td>
<td>[Schools Attending]</td>
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<td>7. ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUEST</td>
<td>[Request for Advance Payment]</td>
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### Additional Information

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<td>10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HIGH-SCHOOL AND FARM-CO-OP COURSE</td>
<td>[Additional Information]</td>
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### Certification

**22-1999**
Welcome to VA-ONCE

What is VA-ONCE? VA-ONCE is an enhanced alternative for submitting VA Forms 22-1999, 22-1999b, and 22-6553c. It is a completely Internet based application. A team of schools and RPO representatives helped to develop the requirements used to build the application.

What is needed to run VA-ONCE? To use VA-ONCE, you must be using a recent version of either the Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE 5.5 SP2 or higher) or Netscape Navigator (NN v6.02 or higher) browsers.

What is needed to submit forms using VA-ONCE? Your school must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). If you do not already have an MOU, please contact the VA-ONCE VBA Representative to acquire one. After submission and review, your Education Liaison Representative (ELR) will be contacting you with the appropriate login information. Otherwise, please click below to start VA-ONCE.

Start VA-ONCE
Start VA-ONCE using text only mode (This only applies to the login screen. If you would like to set text-only mode as your default way of using VA-ONCE, you can find an option for it in user preferences)
Post 9/11 GI Bill Process

Student
Veteran/Spouse/Dependent

Institution
Enrollment Certification
T&T Payment

Veterans Admin
BAH & Book

Veterans Certifying Official

Registrar
Financial Aid
Bursar / Billing

Cert. of Eligibility
FAFSA
(recommended)
Institution Refund Liability

- Certified but never attended
- Withdraws on or before first day of term
- School received payment for wrong student
- School received duplicate payment
- Amended certification sent with reduction of tuition or Yellow Ribbon contribution
- Death of student before or during term
- VA overpayment to institution

*VA will send a debt notification letter to school*
Institution Responsibilities (Records)

- Institution must correctly certify students (22-1999 or VAONCE) and have means to monitor student progress and enrollment
- VA must be notified of all changes via 22-1999b or VAONCE
- All records must be kept securely in the student’s folder and available for inspection (3 years after they have attended)
  - Academic Program (including outline /guide to graduation)
  - Certifications
  - Transcripts (including transfer credit)/Grades
  - Drop Slips / Registration Slips
  - All related VA paperwork
  - Tuition and fee charges
  - Any disciplinary paperwork
- Students must receive proper counseling on their academic programs
Institution Responsibilities (Yellow Ribbon)

- Adhere to the Schools Yellow Ribbon Agreement
- Keep VA and SAA informed of current Certifying Official (e-mail)
- Keep all records of students awarded Yellow Ribbon funds
- Track the number of students enrolled in Yellow Ribbon Program
- Develop and document the process for the first come-first serve Yellow Ribbon award process
- Remember: Not all students are eligible for Yellow Ribbon Program
- YRP Excludes:
  - Veterans with less than 100% eligibility
  - Active duty & spouses of active duty
  - Fry Scholarship recipients
  - Veterans not drawing Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
Institution Responsibilities (Student)

- Assist student in applying for education benefits
  - Be available & friendly
  - Help student fill out applications & resolve any issues needed
  - Make sure that student knows their responsibilities

- Keep copies of appropriate applications
  - 22-1990 / VONAPP
  - FAFSA
  - Current Information booklets/flyers

- Maintain point contacts for student

- Be “Veteran Friendly”
  - Make sure institution has appropriate policies and resources in place so students can pursue their academic programs.
  - Be considerate of veterans’ unique needs while pursuing their academic goals
Questions

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Academic Advisor

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- Post-9/11 GI Bill Payments
- The Application Process
- Transferring GI Bill Benefits to Spouse / Dependents
- Other Federal and State Military Benefits
- Q&A
What does the Post-9/11 GI Bill pay?

- Institutions of Higher Learning (Colleges/University)
  - Up to full in-state cost of public institution
  - Up to $17,500.00 per year for private institution

- Non-College Degree (Career/Trade)
  - Up to $17,500.00 per year

- Apprenticeships / OJT
  - Housing allowance

- Flight Schools
  - Up to $10,000 per year (Still excludes private pilots licenses)

- LACAS
  - Student can take multiple tests up to $1,460.00 per year
Housing & Book Payments

- **Housing (DOD - BAH E-5 w/Dependents)**
  - (Example for full time training)
    - Boston $2,493.00
    - Worcester $1,431.00
    - Springfield $1,521.00
    - Plymouth $1,830.00
    - Haverhill $1,968.00

- **Books and Supplies**
  - Up to $1000.00 per year
Additional Payment Provisions

- 100% Distance Education (On Line / Correspondence) gets 50% BAH Rate (Must be 51% enrolled or greater) BAH goes with Zip of School – Payments Effective of 10/1/2011
- Interval payments no longer paid
- Students eligible for Voc Rehab (Chapter 31) can choose Chapter 33 BAH
Applying for Chapter 33

- Veterans and active duty members: VA Form 22-1990 or online using VONAPP

- Have on hand school information, bank routing and account numbers, DD-214

- Transferees: VA Form 22-1990e or VONAPP
  - Transferors must first complete a TEB and be approved (link to TEB portal available on www.gibill.va.gov)

If eligible under another chapter, electing Ch. 33 is irrevocable!
Applying for Chapter 33

VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits
After applying, student must visit the campus veterans certifying official who can certify his/her enrollment to the VA.

It is highly recommended for the student to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (Important)

The VA has eliminated ALL duplication of VA benefits.

Students cannot receive benefits until their enrollment has been certified.

- Student must visit the certifying official before each term commences.
Transferring Entitlement

- Determine eligibility to transfer via TEB
- DoD may allow an individual to transfer entitlement to one or more dependents if he/she —
  - Has served at least 6 years in the Armed Forces; and
  - Agrees to serve at least another 4 years in the Armed Forces, some exceptions.
- Spouses may use transferred benefits after 6 years of service; expires 15 years after members separates/retires
- Children may use after 10 years of service, and between the ages of 18 – 26
- Spouse & Dependent also should fill out a FAFSA
- Effective 10/1/11 PHS & NOAA are eligible to transfer
An individual approved to transfer may:

- Transfer up to 36 months of benefits (unless DoD/DHS restricts number of months an individual may transfer).
- Transfer to spouse or children in any amount up to amount transferor has available or amount approved by DoD/DHS.
- Revoke or modify a transfer request for any unused benefits unless the 15-year eligibility period has expired.
- NOT transfer benefits to a new dependent once the transferor is no longer a member of Armed Forces.
Step 1- Individuals may apply to transfer benefits using the on-line transfer of benefits (TEB) application at:

https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/

Or

Find the TEB link at http://www.gibill.va.gov
If applicable to service member...

https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits

NOTE: This step is only required if service member owes an extension to his/her MSO.
Step 2: Dependent Files VA Form 22-1990e
### Other Federal Programs

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| Marine Gunnery Sgt John David Fry Scholarship | • Provides 9/11 GI Bill Benefits institutions.  
• Tuition, Housing & Books  
• Excludes Yellow Ribbon - Recipients are not eligible for YRP | Child / Dependent of Active Duty Service members killed in the line of duty after Sept 10, 2001  
Students fill out VA form 22-5490  
Veterans Administration  
1-888-442-4551 |
| Vocational Rehab CHAPTER 31                  | • Pays up to full cost of vocational re-training program  
• No cap in payments - 48 months  
• Veterans eligible for Chapter 33 can elect higher BAH (Housing Payment) | Veterans must have a 30% or grater service related disability rating that affects their vocation – Veterans must qualify via Voc Rehab office review  
Veterans Administration  
Boston office  
617-303-5533 |
# State Programs

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| **Children of Fallen Service Member Waiver Program** | • Waives full net cost of tuition and fees at state supported programs at state supported public institutions.  
• Undergraduate degree (Bachelor Degree)  
• Provides Room & Board | Parents Service Must Be Contributed to Massachusetts and Child has to be Massachusetts Resident  
Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)  
454 Broadway Suite 200  
Revere, MA 02151  
(617) 727-9420 |
| **Public Service Grant**                     | • Pays - tuition only - at state supported public institutions of higher learning.  
• Can be used at private independent colleges but payment is capped at U-Mass Amherst rate (Approx $1,714.00 per year.) | Parents Service Must Be Contributed to Massachusetts and Child has to be Massachusetts Resident  
Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)  
454 Broadway Suite 200  
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| Categorical/Veterans Tuition Waiver          | • Waives only tuition at state supported programs at state supported public institutions.  
• Undergraduate degree or certificate programs.  
• Does not expire. | • Most if not all Massachusetts veterans are eligible.  
Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)  
454 Broadway Suite 200  
Revere, MA 02151  
(617) 727-9420 |
| National Guard Tuition & Fee Waiver          | • Waives Tuition AND Fees at state supported programs at state supported public institutions of higher learning.  
• Good for up to 130 semester hours. | • Only Active Massachusetts National Guard Members are eligible.  
Massachusetts Army National Guard Education Services Office  
50 Maple St  
Milford, MA 01757  
(888) 301-3103  
extensions 6753, 6762 or 7624 |
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