GI Bill Education & Training Benefits Financial Aid / Bursar

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- The "GI Bill"
- Chapter 33: The Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Eligibility
- Basic Payments Public / Private Institutions
- The Big Picture
- Overpayments
- School / Student Responsibilities
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State Approving Agency Offices



State Approving Agency for the GI Bill



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Private For Profit Colleges / University

Trade School

On The Job Training

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Division of Apprentice Training

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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

Chapters of the GI Bill

Chapter	Who is eligible?	Eligibility Contributions	Duration of Benefits	Benefit Payments	Expiration of Benefits
30	Active DutyVeterans	• 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 Veteran is refunded unused benefits 	•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 48 months for some veterans	•Tuition and Fees paid to school •Housing paid to student •Book allowance up to \$1,000 paid to student	•15 years from last discharge from active duty

Chapters of the GI Bill

Chapter	Who is eligible?	Eligibility Contributions	Duration of Benefits	Benefit Payments	Expiration of Benefits
35	Survivor's and Children of 100% disabled or deceased servicemembers	• None	• 45 months	•Monthly stipend paid direct to dependent or spouse	• 10–14 years from date of discharge or date of eligibility
1606	Select ReservistsNational Guardsmen	• None	• 36 months	Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran	When Reserve contract expires
1607	Select ReservistsNational Guardsmen	• None for basic payments, but member can elect \$600 "Buy Up"	• 36 months	Monthly stipend paid direct to Veteran	• 14 years from date of eligibility

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

Active Duty* Service (after 9/10/01 serve an aggregate of)	% of Maximum Benefit Payable
36 months	100
30 continuous days (Must be discharged with a disability)	100
30 months, but less than 36 months	90
24 months, but less than 30 months	80
18 months, but less than 24 months	70
12 months, but less than 18 months	60
06 months, but less than 12 months	50
90 days, but less than 06 months	40

Basic Payments Public Institution of Higher Learning

	Veterans ¹	Active Duty Members ²
Tuition & Fees (paid to school)	Will pay up to 100% of Actual Public IHL Net Cost 4	Same as Veterans
BAH ³	E-5 w/ dependents; school ZIP code (Prorated)	Ineligible to receive
Book Stipend	Up to \$1,000/year	Same as Veterans

¹Rates also apply to children of veterans or active duty members, and to spouses of veterans

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

³Students enrolled for ½ time or less are ineligible for the housing allowance

⁴ All applicable Federal & State Aid must be applied before GI Bill payment (excluding title IV funds)

Basic Payments Private / Foreign IHL

	Veterans¹	Active Duty Members ²
Tuition & Fees (paid to school)	Will pay up to \$17,500 per academic year for Private IHL Net Cost 4	Same as Veterans Capped at \$17,500.00
BAH ³	E-5 w/ dependents; school ZIP code (Prorated)	Ineligible to receive
Book Stipend	Up to \$1,000/year	Same as Veterans

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Yellow Ribbon Program

- Calebra Cara Calebra Ca
- 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

	Veterans¹	Active Duty Members ²
Tuition & Fees (paid to school)	Will pay up to \$17,500 per academic year for Private NCD Net Cost 4	Same as Veterans Capped at \$17,500.00
BAH ³	E-5 w/ dependents; school ZIP code (Prorated)	Ineligible to receive
Book Stipend	Pays Max of \$83.00 per month (Prorated)	Same as Veterans

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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 <u>NET</u> cost for T&F charges for each term
 - If tuition and fees are <u>NOT</u> 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



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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 SI 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)

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Post 9/11 GI Bill Process





Veterans Admin









Veterans Certifying Official

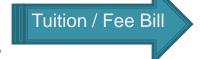
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Cert. of Eligibility

FAFSA (recommended)

Registrar Financial Aid Bursar / Billing





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

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



State Approving Agency for GI Bill Programs

GI Bill Education & Training Benefits Academic Advisor

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Overview

- 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 <u>full time</u> 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

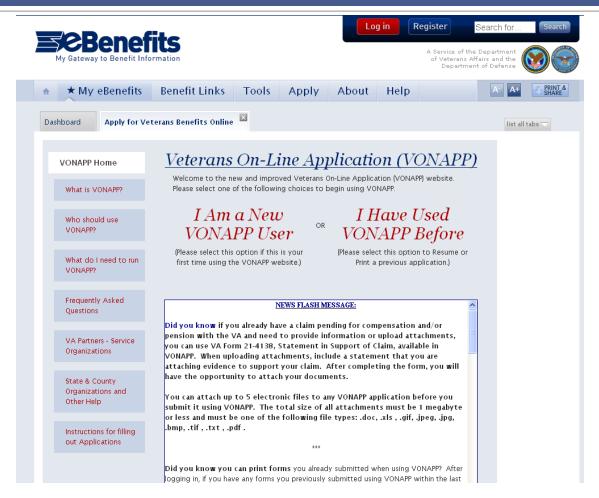
- 100% Distance Education (On Line / Correspondence) gets 50%
 BAH Rate (Must be 51% enrolled or greater) BAH goes with Zip of School Payments Effective of 10/1/2011
- Interval payments no longer paid
- Students eligible for Voc Rehab (Chapter 31) can choose Chapter 33 BAH

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)



Applying for Chapter 33



VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits

Applying for Chapter 33

- After applying, student must visit the campus veterans certifying official who can certify his/her enrollment to the VA.
- It is <u>highly recommended</u> 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

Caveats of Transferring Entitlement

- 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.

DoD Transferability of Education Benefits

 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

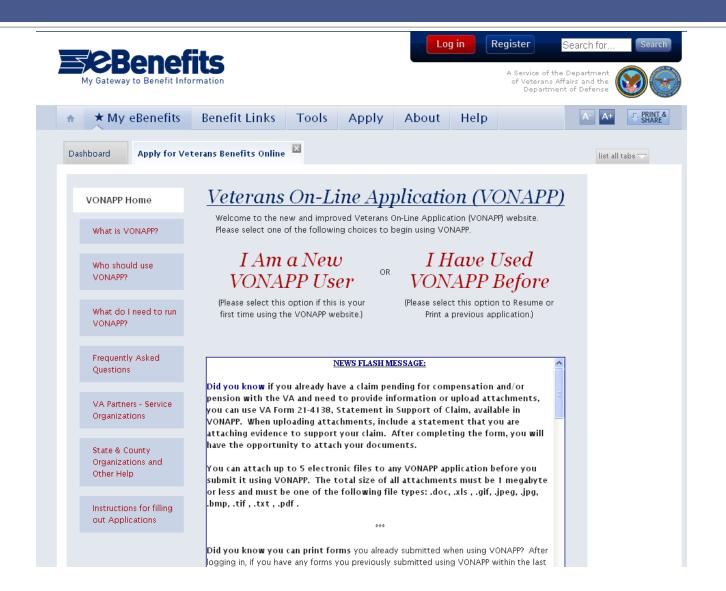
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https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/benefits

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

Program	Role	Eligibility / Contact
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

Program	Role	Eligibility / Contact
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 Revere, MA 02151 (617) 727-9420

State Programs for Veterans

Program	Role	Eligibility / Contact
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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