

The Post- 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

(Note: The Post 9/11 GI Bill begins on 1 Aug 2009 and additional clarifications and/or changes may yet be forthcoming. This document is only a general comparison and is not all inclusive. VA is the final approval authority on this matter.

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	Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Chapter 30	Post 9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33
Benefit Expiration	10 Years after separation or discharge.	15 Years after separation or discharge.
Payment Rate for Full-Time Student	Currently \$1,321 monthly for full time status with 3 year or more option or \$1073 with less than 3 yr option. Amount larger for Army College Fund and Buy Up recipients. Rate increases OCT 1 st annually.	A payment indexed to in-state tuition for the highest undergraduate rate for the state's public schools. paid per term.
Additional expense payments	No additional payments for expenses to include books and materials.	Living Expenses - BAH monthly equivalent to E-5 with dependents – paid monthly by your schools zip code if you are full time and at least one class is classroom class. Does not pay Active Duty participants. Books and Fees up to \$1000 per year and divided by academic term.
Eligibility Requirements	Entered military after June 30, 1985 and have completed at least 24 months of active duty. See www.gibill.va.gov for discharge eligibility requirements.	Active-duty service since Sept. 11, 2001. This option does not begin until 1 Aug 09 and is not retroactive to courses taken before then. See percentage chart below for time-served mandates.
VEAP Eligibility	No - Except those who elected to convert during the open windows.	Yes – those who meet the eligibility criteria.
Transfer benefits to Family Members	Currently only for Critical MOS reenlistment option. Soldier must have served at least 6 years and reenlist for 4 more. See Post Reenlistment Office for eligibility.	You must serve 4 yrs and reenlist for 4 or serve 10 years. However, you must be on active duty 1 Aug 09 and meet the criteria to qualify. (Currently Serving)
Enrollment fee	Yes - \$1200	None.
Approved Training:	Graduate and Undergraduate degrees, certificate or diploma, independent study courses leading to a certificate, apprenticeship, correspondence, flight training if you have a private pilot certificate, and overseas programs that lead to a college degree. See VA for list.	Graduate and undergraduate degrees and vocational or technical training with an institution of higher learning. See VA web site for an approved list.
Term	Up to 36 months at the full time rate but cannot exceed 48 months for multiple VA Education benefits. You may attend, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time, or less than half time.	Up to 36 months at the full time rate but cannot exceed 48 months for multiple VA Education benefits. You may attend, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time, or less than half time.