

Education Benefits and Services

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GI Bill

- Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill
 - SGT Fry Scholarship
- Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 35 Dependent Education GI Bill
- State Benefits
- National Guard/Reserve State Benefits



Chapter 1606 GI Bill

- Reserve component GI Bill-Must have a 6 year contract to be eligible
- 36 months of eligibility
- Not based on Active Duty service time
- Must be utilized while in the service
- Pays \$368 per month
- Kicker Contract-Enlistment incentive in addition to GI Bill



Chapter 1607 GI Bill

- Sun-setted Fall 2015
- For Reserve Component Service Members
- Based on Active Service Time
- Kicker Contract eligible
- Pays an additional 12 months of benefits, up to 36 months total under this benefit



Chapter 30 GI Bill

- The original "Active Duty" GI Bill
- Service members had to pay \$1200 into their college fund
- \$600 Buy-up Program-offers a "Kicker" benefit
- Must be used within 10 years from last separation date.
- 36 months of benefits
- Only pays a stipend-\$1,789
- Non-transferable to a dependent
- Can be used as "Top Up" for Federal Tuition Assistance
- Reserve members on Active Duty were eligible to pay into this GI Bill



Post 9/11 GI Bill

- The "New" GI Bill
- Took effect in 2008, based of Active Service time since 9/11/2001, of at least 90 days.
- Both Title 10 and Title 32, non-hospitalization time counts as Active Duty.
- Must make a irrevocable decision to 'waive' an additional GI Bill benefit.
- Pays a Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), Book Stipend, and Tuition based on eligibility percentage
 - BAH Rate is based off of E-5 with Dependents and zip code of the school.
 - Online schools, students get half of the national average (\$945).



Post 9/11 Cont.

- Basic Training and MOS school do not count as Active Duty (for Reserve Component) until 24 months of additional Active Duty.
- MOB stations, terminal leave, etc. count as Active Duty.
- 36 months under Post 9/11 GI Bill and can be combined with other benefits to hit the 48 month max cap.
- Active Duty does not have to be continuous.
- BAH is not available to students attending at a less than half time status.
- Can be used for OJT, certification tests, tutoring assistance, and licensing exams.
- Must be used within 15 years of final separation.

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service- connected disability	100%
At least 30 months < 36 months	90%
At least 24 months < 30 months	80%
At least 18 months < 24 months	70%
At least 12 months < 18 months	60%
At least 6 months < 12 months	50%
At least 90 days < 6 months	40%



Transferring the Post 9/11

- Post 9/11 is transferable to a dependent
- Veteran must transfer while they are still in the service.
- Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) is a retention tool-veteran must have at least 6 years in the military and commit to serving an additional 4 years.
- Based off of veteran's eligibility and can increase.
- Spouses follow same 15 year delaminating date as veteran, children must use by age 26.
- Spouse cannot be awarded BAH if the veteran in serving on Active Duty, the child can.
- Transfer completed through MilConnect



Fry Scholarship (Chapter 33)

- For dependents of Veterans who passed away while on Active Duty.
- Pays at the 100% level, for 36 months.
- Children have until they are 33 to use the benefit.
- Spouse, 15 years from time of veteran's death.
- Can also use Chapter 35.



Chapter 31 Voc Rehab

- Education Benefits for Veterans with a Service Connected disability at 20% or more, to help the veteran become employable within the limitations of their disability.
- Must want to be employed, and be a good candidate for employment.
- Possible eligibility for a wide variety of educational programs, such as 2 year degree, 4 year degree, Masters, and professional programs.
- Program is managed by VA Vocational Rehabilitation and co managed through educational program.
- Advised to meet with counselor before filling out application.
- 12 year limit from separation or from Service Connection.



Chapter 31 cont.

- Post 9/11 Veterans are eligible for the Chapter 33 payment rate, based on GI Bill eligibility.
- Pays 100% of tuition, books, a living stipend, and for tools necessary for the program of study such as a computer, welding equipment, safety equipment, printer, calculator, etc.
- Referrals available for tutoring, counseling, educational assistance, and other services necessary for veteran success.



Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance

- For dependents of a veteran who is P/T disabled due to their military service, died as a result of their SC disability, or died on Active Duty.
- Both spouse and children qualify for 45 months of benefits, each.
- Spouse has 20 years to use the benefit from time of death or SC.
- Children must use the benefit before the age of 26, and not longer has the marriage bar. Can be extended in some cases.
- Cannot be used on Active Duty, but can be used by a service member.
- Child cannot receive Chapter 35 and DIC payments at the same time, spouse can.
- Can use CHAMP VA health care benefits.



Applications

- Do not file online applications-takes about 90 days longer to process.
- Ebenefits VONAPP Portal speeds up processing of applications-Which takes roughly 90-120 to process.
- 1607, 1607, 30, 33-All use VA Form 22-1990 for application-select desired GI Bill program.
 - For Post 9/11, another GI Bill must be waived on application.
- Chapter 33 Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) and Fry Scholarship-use VA Form 22-1990e.
- Chapter 35-use VA form 22-5490.
- All benefits must have supporting information attached to application or mailed in.
- Certificate of Eligibility will be produced-must be turned into school



ND Dependent Tuition Waiver

- For dependents of ND veterans who are 100% service connected, are paid at the 100% rate due to IU, who died as a result of their service connected disabilities, died while on Active Duty, POW/MIA.
- Veteran must have been born/lived in ND at time of entrance into the US Military, or lived in ND at least 6 months prior to enlistment, or been a resident of ND 10 years prior to the use of the waiver.



ND Dept Waiver cont...

- Waives Tuition and Fees at any ND state educational institution for a certificate, associates, or bachelors degree.
- Max of 45 months/10 semesters.
- Most also qualify for Chapter 35 as well.



National Guard Benefits

- Federal Tuition Assistance-provides \$4000 per FY for school attendance. No out of state school clause.
- State Tuition Reimbursement-Waives 25% of tuition at any qualifying state school, and reimburses the student the rest of the tuition and fees up to the NDSU base tuition/fees rate. Only in state schools eligible.
- Adjusted compensation-"Thank you for playing bonus" a small bonus the state provides all ND veterans who service on Active Duty. Managed by the Guard.

Questions?



"A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a fair deal later." TR

Feel free to contact us with any questions!

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