Military Education Benefits

WHICH CHAPTER OF BENEFITS SHOULD I UTILIZE?

Chapter 30 Information
Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30 program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 30 and pays the veteran directly in the form of a monthly stipend.

Chapter 31 Information
The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E) Chapter 31. The mission of Chapter 31 is to help veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, VR&E offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. This program pays the school directly for tuition, fees, and in some cases for books, and pays the veteran a monthly living stipend.

Chapter 33 Information (Post 9/11)
The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The veteran’s percentage of eligibility is based on the number of days of active duty time after September 11, 2001. Approved training at the College of Western Idaho includes undergraduate degrees, vocational, and technical training. Additionally, tutorial assistance, and licensing and certification test reimbursement are also approved. The VA will pay your tuition based upon the highest in-state tuition charged by an educational institution in the state where the educational institution is located. Additionally you may be eligible to receive a living stipend and book allowance. Generally, benefits are payable for 15 years following your release from active duty.

Chapter 35 Information
Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) Chapter 35 provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. With this program the student is paid directly in the form of a monthly stipend.

Chapter 1606 Information
Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606 may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserves, and the Army and Air National Guard. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain
circumstances. With this program the service member is paid directly in the form of a monthly stipend.

Chapter 1607 Information

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607 is a Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This program makes certain reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 are eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits. This program pays the service member directly in the form of a monthly stipend.