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Veterans Issues

Post 9/11 GI Bill
(Chapter 33)




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Post 9/11 GI Bill overview

- Who is eligible
- Eligibility period
- Entitlement
- What is included
- Refund of Chapter 30 contributions
- Yellow Ribbon Program
- Transferring benefits

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Who is eligible

- Individuals who served on active duty after September 10, 2001 if:
 - service was for an aggregate period of at least 90 days
 - service was for at least 30 continuous days and received a disability discharge
- Irrevocable election

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Who is eligible

Aggregate active duty service requirements (after Sept 10, 2001)	% of Maximum Benefit Payable
36 months	100
30 cont. days (must be discharged with a service-connected 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
6 months, but less than 12 months	50
90 days, but less than 6 months	40

Eligibility period


- Veteran remains eligible for 15 years from:
 - date of last honorable discharge
 - release from active duty of at least 90 aggregate days
 - date of honorable discharge from active duty for service-connected disability and served at least 30 continuous days

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Entitlement

- Receive 36 six months of benefits
- Up to 48 months of benefits if combined with other programs
- If transferring to Ch 33 from Ch 30, limited to remaining Ch 30 benefits


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What is included

- Actual cost of tuition and fees
- Monthly housing allowance
- Books and supplies stipend
- Tutorial assistance


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What is included

- Tuition and fees
 - training pursued on or after August 1, 2009
 - eligible for percentage of lesser:
 - tuition and fees charged
 - highest amount of tuition and fees charged for full-time, undergraduate coursework in your state
 - paid to school for each semester, quarter or term

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What is included

- Monthly housing allowance
 - E-5 with dependents
 - determined using school's zip code
 - <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>
 - prorated based on percentage of maximum benefit payable
 - not eligible if:
 - serving on active duty
 - enrolled ½ time or less
 - distance learning

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What is included

- Books and supplies stipend
 - up to \$1,000 per year
 - prorated based on percentage of maximum benefit payable
 - paid proportionally for each semester, quarter or term
 - active duty veterans not eligible

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What is included

- Approved programs
 - programs approved under Ch 30 **and** offered at an IHL
 - programs previously approved for Ch 30, 1606 or 1607 not offered at IHLs (flight, correspondence, APP/OJT, prep courses, national tests)

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Questions?



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Refund of Ch 30 contributions

- Basic contribution refunded up to \$1,200 if:
 - meets Ch 33 requirements and one of the following on August 1:
 - eligible for basic educational assistance under Ch 30 and has remaining eligibility
 - eligible for basic educational assistance under Ch 30 and has not used any benefits
 - member of the Armed Forces and is eligible for Ch 30 and is making the basic contribution

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Refund of Ch 30 contributions

- Basic contribution refund
 - prorated based on remaining Ch 30 eligibility
 - payment included in last monthly housing allowance
 - paid once Ch 33 benefits are exhausted

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Refund of Ch 30 contributions

- If eligible for kicker under Ch 30 will remain eligible under Ch 33
- Kicker included in monthly housing allowance
- \$600 buy-up is non-refundable

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Yellow Ribbon program

- Who is eligible
- What is included
- Maximum benefit
- How to participate

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Yellow Ribbon program

- School's voluntary agreement with VA
- Tuition and fees not covered under Ch 33
- VA will match amount funded by school
- May not exceed tuition and fees charged
- Must be entitled to 100 percent benefit rate
- Active duty individuals ineligible

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Yellow Ribbon program

- How to participate
 - agreement sent April 2009
 - deadline June 15, 2009
- List of participating schools anticipated by August 1, 2009

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Yellow Ribbon program

- School must agree to:
 - award first-come first-served
 - provide funds for current and subsequent academic years
 - limit contributions made on behalf of a veteran to funds under unrestricted control of your school
 - maximum number who will receive contributions
 - how contributions will be made
 - maximum dollar amount

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Yellow Ribbon program

- One agreement if:
 - list all participating branches
 - subject to the authority of the same authorizing official
 - point-of-contact at each branch

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Transferring benefits

- Benefits may be transferred to:
 - spouse
 - children
 - under age 18
 - at least 18 but not 23
 - incapable of self-support before age 18
- Both spouse and children

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Transferring benefits

- Spouse
 - begin using benefits once transferor completes 6 years of service
 - not eligible for housing allowance or books and supplies stipend while on active duty
 - how long to use benefits:
 - transferor's ending date of service (15 years)
 - ending date specified by transferor
 - effective date transferor revokes entitlement
 - Fifteen years after transferor's date of death if dies while on active duty

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Transferring benefits


- Children
 - begin using benefits once transferor completes 10 years of service
 - begin using benefits once receive high school diploma or reaches age 18
 - eligible for monthly housing allowance and books and supplies stipend while on active duty
 - how long to use benefits:
 - 26th birthday
 - ending date specified by transferor
 - effective date transferor revokes entitlement

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What we covered

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Resources

- www.gibill.va.gov
- Federal Register
 - Vol. 74, No. 60, March 31, 2009
- DoD Housing Allowance website
 - <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>
- 38 CFR 21 Subpart P
- GI Bill Hotline
 - 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
- Yellow Ribbon Mailbox
 - Yellow.ribbon@va.gov

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