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**Eligibility and  
Applying for Chapter  
33 Post 9/11 GI Bill  
and Transfer of  
Benefit (TEB) to  
Eligible Dependents**

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**SOP**

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## **Chapter 1 Overview**

### **1-1. Applicability**

The Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefit for service members who served on active duty after 11 September 2001. Eligible Soldiers are able to receive additional monthly payments if they have the Kicker Incentive. This chapter of the GI Bill can be shared with family members through the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) process. This SOP does not refer to other chapters (Chapter 30 Active Duty, Chapter 1606 Selected Reserve) of the GI Bill.

### **1-2. References**

See Appendix A.

### **1-3. Point of Contact**

State GI Bill Manager, <[ng.ga.gaarnng.list.ngga-g1-pei-gi-bill@army.mil](mailto:ng.ga.gaarnng.list.ngga-g1-pei-gi-bill@army.mil)>, (678) 569-5345.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Determining Eligibility for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill**

#### **2-1. Conditions**

a. To be eligible for Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill. Soldiers must have served at least 90 aggregate days in any of the periods of qualifying active duty on or after 11 September 2001:

- (1) Title 10 USC Sec's 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b.
- (2) Title 10 AGR or Title 32 AGR.
- (3) Title 32 USC, Section 502(f) under a Declaration of National Emergency as follows:
  - (a) Operation Noble Eagle during the period of 11 Sep 2001 – 31 May 2002.
  - (b) Southwest Border Mission during the period of 15 Feb 2019 to 20 Jan 2021.
  - (c) In support of COVID-19 Pandemic during the period of 20 March 2020 to 1 July 2022.
  - (d) In support of the Capital Inauguration between 11 Jan 2021 to 23 May 2021.
- (4) Served for 30 continuous days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury, through a Department of the Army Medical Evaluation Board.
- (5) Purple Heart recipients eligible at 100% payment tier.

#### **2-2. Additional eligibility information**

a. Basic Training and AIT can be added to qualifying service time above to increase a Soldiers tier level under the following conditions:

- (1) Soldiers completed 24 months of qualifying active duty above AND
- (2) Basic Training and/or IADT occurred on or after 11 September 2001

b. The following service time does NOT qualify for post-9/11:

- (1) Title 32 ADOS/ADSW/FTNGD (Except Operation Noble Eagle).
- (2) Any qualifying service during the service obligation from a service academy contract.
- (3) Any qualifying service during the service obligation from a ROTC active-duty contract (Dedicated Guard only).
- (4) Active duty used for Active-Duty Loan Repayment (Title 10 Sec. 109).
- (5) Any active-duty period in which the Soldier received a less than honorable discharge.

#### **2-3. Applying for the benefit**

a. Step 1: Soldier applies for their Certificate of Eligibility (CoE). Turnaround time from application to receipt of CoE is six to eight weeks, on average. The Soldier can call the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to check the status of an application. Soldiers should:

(1) Go to <https://www.va.gov> and click on “Apply for education benefits.”

(2) Create an account and fill out the requested information.

(3) The application process (formerly called VONAPP) completes the VA Form 22-1990 allowing Soldiers to use MGIB-SR.

(4) If the Soldier has a GI Bill Kicker Addendum, then they must upload that contract addendum under “supporting documents” on the DVA website.

b. Step 2: Register for classes.

(1) Soldier should register for classes as soon as the school’s registration period opens.

(2) Soldier should contact or schedule an appointment with their School Certifying Official (SCO), normally a school employee that typically works in the financial aid, admissions, or military affairs office.

(3) The SCO certifies the Soldiers’ registration with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). They verify how many hours the Soldier is taking, the cost of tuition and fees, and reports the rate of pursuit (1/2-time, 3/4-time, or full-time).

(4) If a tuition payment is due before the Soldier receives the CoE from DVA, the SCO may be able to place the student’s school account on hold to wait for payment from DVA. The student should check with the school’s finance office to request this exception.

(5) When the Soldier receives their CoE from the DVA, then they must submit a copy to the SCO.

c. Step 3: Verify attendance.

(1) While the Soldier is in school, they must verify EVERY MONTH with DVA that they are still taking courses to receive the next GI Bill monthly deposit.

(2) Soldiers can do the monthly verification in one of two ways: by calling (877) 823-2378 or by going to <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave> to verify attendance through the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE). Some schools are moving to a text-based system of verification. Students should follow the guidance from their SCO on how to verify their attendance.

d. Step 4: Subsequent semester requirements. The following steps must be completed in order to continue receiving the benefit.

(1) As soon as registration for the next term opens, Soldiers should register for classes early and make another appointment with the SCO to avoid interruption with monthly GI Bill payments.

(2) Soldiers are not required to resubmit a benefits application unless they are changing schools or degree plans. If either of these have changed, Soldiers must go to <https://www.va.gov> to complete the VA Form 22-1995.

e. Soldiers should not apply for benefits unless they know that their code has been repaired by the GI Bill Manager. If the Soldier has already applied to use benefits and been rejected, Soldiers should contact the GI Bill Manager at [ng.ga.gaarnng.list.ngga-g1-pei-gi-bill@army.mil](mailto:ng.ga.gaarnng.list.ngga-g1-pei-gi-bill@army.mil) or (678) 569-5345. They will need to have the DVA revisit their determination once the GI Bill Manager repairs the code. The DVA will distribute a new CoE to the Soldier/student.

f. ARNG GI Bill Kicker recipients who also have a Kicker contract should attach it to the DVA application and submit to the SCO.

## Chapter 3

### Transfer of Eligibility for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill

#### 3-1. Conditions/Eligibility

a. Transfer of Benefits (TEB) is an incentive for Service Members who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill which allows them to transfer remaining unused months of their Post-9/11 GI Bill to their dependents. Soldiers must meet the qualifications in the Post-9/11 GI Bill chapter to qualify to transfer benefits at their same tier.

b. The Soldier must currently be serving in the Uniformed Services, with at least six years completed to be eligible to initiate the transfer.

c. Soldier must agree to a **four-year** service obligation from the date of the transfer request. They must extend before making the request for transfer, if their ETS is not greater than four years out. It is recommended that Soldiers extend for a month or two more than the four-year commitment to allow time for processing and approval.

d. Soldiers must NOT be flagged for adverse action, ACFT/ABCP failure, or as an unsatisfactory participant.

e. If a Soldier is voluntarily separated or retires in lieu of a retirement board, prior to completing the four-year obligation, the TEB will be terminated, and any funds paid to your dependents will be recouped!

#### 3-2. Eligible dependents and terms of use:

a. Dependents receive same payment tier as the Soldier.

b. Spouses may use transferred benefits immediately.

c. Child/Children/Ward or Foster

(1) Cannot use the benefit until transferring Soldier has completed 10 years in the Armed Forces.

(2) Can begin using the benefit on their 18th birthday or upon high school graduation, whichever comes first.

(3) Eligibility ends on their 26th birthday unless an earlier date is specified.

d. Soldier can **modify** and/or **revoke** any months for any dependent they originally transferred benefit to – even after they have separated from service.

e. Soldiers must be currently serving to add a NEW dependent.

f. Soldier should complete the transfer as soon as fully eligible and transfer any months they are not currently using. The Soldier can always pull months back/reorganize at any time if they choose. If SM passes away with months still assigned to the Soldier, dependents will not be able to use those months.

#### 3-3 Process steps for Transfer of Benefit.

a. Step 1: Soldier should contact the DVA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 to determine the number of benefit months they have remaining.

b. Step 2: Complete extension (If required).

- c. Step 3: Go to Mil Connect and complete TEB application at:  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>.
- d. Serve four-year term of obligation.

**3-4 Process steps for dependent use of Transferred Benefit**

- a. When dependents are ready to attend school, the dependent(s) must apply at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).
- b. The dependents must register for classes, contact the school SCO or VA Certifying Official at the school, provide the CoE, and verify enrollment monthly in one of two ways: by calling (877) 823-2378 or by going to the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>). Some schools are moving to a text-based system of verification. Students should follow the guidance from their SCO on how to verify their attendance.



## **Appendix A**

### **References**

#### **Section I Publications**

##### **DoDI 1341.13**

Reference Title 38 USC Chapter 33, dated 25 October 2022, Change 1- 8 November 2023

##### **AR 621-5**

Army Continuing Education System (ACES), dated 28 October 2019

##### **AR 621-202**

Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements, dated 13 November 2023

##### **FY25 SRIP Policy #25-01**

Army National Guard Selected Reserve Incentives Program (SRIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025

##### **FY25 VoIED Policy- PPOM 24-026 dated 3 SEP 2024**

Army National Guard (ARNG) Voluntary Education Policy <https://ga.ng.mil/Portals/49/G1/education.html>

#### **Section II Forms (Not Used)**

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### **Section I Abbreviations**

#### **AMHRR**

Army Military Human Resource Record

#### **SCO**

School Certifying Official

#### **SOP**

Standard Operating Procedure

#### **TEB**

Transfer of Education Benefits

### **Section II Terms**

#### **G1**

Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel (DCSPER); the senior military personnel officer (MILPO) at division and above.

#### **G-1**

The office and staff of the G1.

#### **HR automated systems**

Computer programs and websites utilized by HR professionals to manage or update personnel records. These include, but are not limited to: IPPS-A, iPERMS, GIMS, and MilConnect.

#### **Unit**

The lowest level of military organization authorized a unit identification code (UIC), such as a company, troop, battery, flight, or detachment.