

Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill / Yellow Ribbon  
Program update

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Key Concepts

- What is the Post 9/11 GI Bill?
- Eligibility
- Benefits and the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Transfer of Entitlement

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Post 9/11 GI Bill

- The Post - 9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.
- The most comprehensive benefit package for Veterans since the original Montgomery GI Bill.
- Post - 9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009.

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### Eligibility

- Individuals with active duty service after 09/10/01 who:
  - Serve a period of at least 90 aggregate days
  - Serve a period of at least 30 days and receive a disability discharge

NOTE: Individuals are eligible while on active duty after serving a period of 90 days

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### Eligibility

- Basic eligibility established with 90 aggregate days of service
- Benefit level based on length of service
- Maximum benefit payable if individual serves at least:
  - 36 months of active duty service
  - 30 days of active duty service with a disability discharge

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### Eligibility

Service Requirements (after 9/10/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of)	% of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months*	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months*	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months*	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months*	40

\* Excluding entry level and skill training

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### Eligibility

- 15 years from last release from active duty of at least:
  - 90 consecutive days
  - 30 consecutive days if released for disability
- If eligibility is based on aggregate service of less than 90 consecutive days, individual will have 15 years from the last period of service used to meet the minimum service requirements for eligibility

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### Eligibility

- Example  
John T. Smith is a pilot in the Air Force Reserve with the following multiple periods of call-up service:
    - 05/15/07 – 06/13/07 - 30 days
    - 03/12/08 – 05/10/08 - 60 days
    - 10/30/08 – 11/28/08 - 30 days
- He meets the minimum service requirement for eligibility effective 05/10/08, the date he completed 90 aggregate days of service
- His period of eligibility expires 05/10/23, 15 years after meeting the minimum service requirement for eligibility

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### Benefits

- Paid to Institution Directly:
  - Tuition and Fees
  - Yellow Ribbon Program
- Paid to Student Directly:
  - Monthly Housing Allowance
  - Books and Supplies Stipend
  - Rural Benefit
  - College Fund “Kickers” and Buy-up
  - Licensing and Certification Tests
  - Other Benefits

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### Tuition Benefit

- Individuals on active duty are eligible for the lesser of:
  - Tuition and fees charged; or
  - The amount of charges that exceed the amount paid by the military's federal tuition assistance
- Individuals not on active duty are eligible for the applicable percentage (based on aggregate active duty service) of the lesser of:
  - Tuition and fees charged; or
  - Highest amount of tuition and fees charged for in-state undergraduate training at a public institution of higher learning in the state the student is enrolled

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### Fees Benefit

- Fees are defined as mandatory charges (other than tuition, room, and board) that are applied by the institution of higher learning for pursuit of an approved program of education and include, but are not limited to:
  - Health premiums
  - Freshman fees
  - Graduation fees
  - Lab fees
- Does not include study abroad course(s) *unless the* course(s) is a mandatory requirement for completion of the approved program of education

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### Yellow Ribbon Program

- Institutions within the U.S. may voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition and fee costs that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees
- Provides additional funding for:
  - Training at private institutions
  - Graduate training
  - Out-of-state tuition
- Only individuals entitled to the 100% benefit rate may receive this funding

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### Yellow Ribbon Program

- VA will match each additional dollar that an institution contributes, up to 50% of the difference between the student's tuition and fee benefit and the total cost of tuition and fees
- The combined amounts may not exceed the full cost of the school's established charges

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### Yellow Ribbon Program

**Example**

- Ray Charles is eligible at the 100% benefit level and is enrolled for 15 credit hours. The highest in-state tuition for Georgia is \$203 per credit hour. The maximum fees per term for Georgia is \$15,401.

Ray was certified as follows:

Number of Credits	Tuition:	Fees:
15	\$6000	\$500

- The charged tuition is \$400 per credit hour, which is more than the state maximum, however, the fees are less than the state maximum.
- Ray is enrolled at a Yellow Ribbon participating institution. How will his payment, including Yellow Ribbon, be calculated?

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### Yellow Ribbon Program

Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment		
	Calculation	Total:
Tuition	\$203 x 15	\$3,045
Fees	\$500	\$500
	Total:	\$3,545

- Ray's total unmet charges are \$2,955 (\$6,500 - \$3,545).
- Ray is attending a Yellow Ribbon participating institution that agreed to contribute up to \$2,500 per student annually. The institution should certify the maximum amount of Yellow Ribbon contributions that they are willing to pay for the certified enrollment period. VA will pay the lesser of the amount certified by the school or \$1,477.50.
- NOTE: Ray is also entitled to the monthly housing allowance and the books and supplies stipend, however, they are not used to calculate the Yellow Ribbon payment.

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### Monthly Housing Stipend

- Equivalent to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents
- Amount determined by zip code of the IHL where the student is enrolled
- <http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>
- Prorated based on individual's benefit level (40% to 100%)
- Payments issued directly to the student on a monthly basis

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### Monthly Housing Stipend

- Individuals **are not eligible for the monthly** housing allowance if they are:
  - On active duty
  - Training at ½ time or less
  - Pursuing training solely by distance learning

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### Book & Supplies Stipend

- Up to \$1,000 per academic year calculated as follows:
  - \$41.67 per credit hour for up to 24 credit hours
  - Prorated based on the percentage of the maximum benefit payable
  - Payments issued directly to the student in a lump sum for each quarter, semester or term
  - Active duty members are not eligible

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### Other Benefits

- One-time payment of \$500 for individuals who reside in a county with six persons or fewer per square mile
- Licensing and Certification Tests
  - One test ... Up to \$2,000
- College Fund “Kickers” and Buy-Up
- Interval Payments
- Work Study
- Tuition Assistance

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### Transfer of Entitlement

- An individual eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on his/her own active duty service may transfer up to 36 months of entitlement to a dependent(s)
- The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may authorize transfer of benefits and restrict the number of months transferred

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### Transfer of Entitlement

- To be eligible to transfer entitlement an individual must:
  - Be in the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009
  - Have completed 6 years in the Armed Forces
  - Agree to serve 4 more years in the Armed Forces
- Final regulations regarding TOE have not yet been published
- A transferor may revoke or modify the number of months of transferred benefits at any time during his or her eligibility period
- Benefits may not be transferred to a new dependent once the transferor is no longer a member of Armed Forces

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### Transfer of Entitlement

Spouses may—

- Use benefits after transferor completes 6 years in Armed Forces
- Continue to use benefits if divorced unless the transferor revokes transfer
- Use benefits up to transferor's 15-year eligibility period expires unless the transferor specifies an earlier ending date
- Receive benefits in the same manner and at the same rate as the transferor

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### Transfer of Entitlement

Children may—

- Use benefits after transferor completes 10 years in Armed Forces if they:
  - Are at least 18 years old; or
  - Have completed requirements of secondary school
- Use benefits until 26th birthday
- Continue to use benefits after marriage unless the transferor revokes transfer
- Receive benefits at the rate of a veteran even if the transferor is on active duty

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### Admissions

- Identify Current/Potential Recruiting Strategies for:
  - Active duty military / Spouses /Children
    - American Legion
      - Michigan Legionnaire Newspaper
      - American Legion Magazine
  - Veterans of Foreign War
  - Veterans Administration
  - Air Force Times
- Transition Programs
  - From Veteran to Student

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## References

United States Department of Veterans Affairs - <http://www.va.gov/>

United States Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill - <http://www.va.gov/>

Other Training Resources:

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[http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33_Pamphlet.pdf)

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## Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill / Yellow Ribbon Program Update

Thank You!!!

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