Educational Assistance Programs Summary

CHAPTER Public Law	CHAPTER 30 PL 98-525 MGIB-AD	CHAPTER 31 VR&E	CHAPTER 32 PL 94-502 VEAP	CHAPTER 35 PL 84-634 DEA	CHAPTER 1606 PL 98-525 MGIB-SR	CHAPTER 1607 PL 108-375 REAP
Common Name	Montgomery GI Bill – All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program	Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment	Veterans Educational Assistance Program	Dependents and Survivors Educational Assistance Program	Educational Assistance for the Selected Reserve	Educational Assistance for National Guard and Reserve Members called to active service in response to a war or national emergency.
Eligibility Requirements	First entered active duty 7/1/85 or later and completes initial obligated period of active duty of 2 yrs or more or completes 2 yrs of active duty and enters the Selected Reserves for 4 or more yrs. Certain Chapter 34 eligibles are entitled after 12/31/89. Several other categories of eligible persons based on voluntary and involuntary separation. Servicemembers can use the MGIB benefit while on active duty after completing two continuous years of service.	Must have a service connected disability rated at 10 percent or more which causes a demonstrable employment handicap.	Served on active duty for at least 181 continuous days and enlisted for the first time between 1/1/77 and 6/30/85 inclusive and signed up prior to 4/1/87 to make contributions. While on active duty can disenroll and later reenroll if still on active duty.	Spouse/surviving spouse and/or child of a veteran with a P&T S/C disability, or whose death was service connected or who died of any cause while rated as having a P&T service connected disability.	Officer: Added 6 years to their current obligation after 6/30/85 Enlisted: Enlisted, reenlisted, or extended their enlistment for a 6 year period after 6/30/85.	Member of the Guard and Reserve called to Active Duty for a contingency operation and served on or after 9/11/01 for at least 90 consecutive days.
Delimiting Date	Later of 10 years from date of last separation from active duty or 10 years from the date first became eligible.	Later of 12 years from last separation from active duty or from the date service connection is established.	10 years form date of last separation from active duty.	Spouse: later of 10 years from P&T rating of S/C disability or death Child: Later of 26th b'day or 8 years from date eligibility established not to exceed the 31st birthday.	Earlier of the date after separation from the selected reserve or 14 years from the date first eligible.	Benefits terminate if receiving Senior ROTC scholarship or when separated from Selected Reserve or the Ready Reserve whichever applies. **
Programs Allowed	Post-secondary programs offered at an IHL or NCD, correspondence, OJT, Apprenticeship, Cooperative training, and flight training effective 9/30/90. College test preparation courses effective 11-30-99. Licensing and certification test fees up to $2000 effective 3/1/01. DOD Tuition Assistance "Top-Up." Eff. 10-1-02 Accelerated Payments for certain high tech courses.	Any program deemed suitable by the vocational rehabilitation and counseling division except for flight.	High school (veterans and in-service enlisted), IHL, NCD, OJT, Apprenticeship, cooperative, and flight effective 4/1/94 and licensing/certification test fees up to $2000 effective 3/1/01.	Spouse only: Correspondence Spouse and child: High school, IHL, NCD, OJT, apprenticeship, Farm Cooperative, College Prep courses effective. 11/1/00. Effective 3/1/01 licensing and certification test fees up to $2000.	Post-secondary program at an IHL. Effective 10/1/90 cooperative training, apprenticeship, OJT, vocational Technical Training programs at an NCD, correspondence trg. Effective 9/30/90 – flight training Effective 11/30/93 – graduate trg. Effective 1-1-06 Licen. & Cert testing.	Same as Chapter 30. Licensing and Certification tests effective 1-6-06.
Tutorial Assistance	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES effective 10/29/92	YES

Work Study	YES	YES	YES	YES effective 5/1/90	YES effective 5/1/90 (includes work at a military facility that relates directly to administration of Chapter 1606)	YES
Education Loan	NO	YES	NO	YES spouse/surviving spouse only	NO	NO
Rates and Entitlement	Effective 10/1/05: Basic rates -- full-time training: 2 years service: $840/month for 36 months 3 years service or 2 years active duty and 4 years Selected Reserves: $1034/month for 36 months. DOD supplement for extended enlistment for an additional 5 years: Up to $300/month more. DOD "kickers" for persons enlisting in critical shortage skills: up to $700/monthly added to the basic rate or up to $300/month to the supplemental rate. Effective 5/1/01 additional contribution of $600 yields $150 maximum amount per month for 36 months.	Effective 10/1/05: Institutional training: Full Time: $488.50/mo ¾ Time $367.50/mo Half Time: $245.60/mo Subsistence allowance is in addition to payment of tuition, fees, books, supplies, etc. Additional amounts added for dependents. Entitlement generally can not exceed 48 months.	Amount of contributions X 3 plus any "kicker" added by DOD, divided by the number of months in which contributions were made. Lump-sum contributions are treated as monthly contributions of $100 (veteran can elect a lesser monthly calculation). Entitlement equals number of months in which contributions were made. Persons on active duty paid the same as for veterans.	Institutional training (Effective 10/1/05): Full time - $827/month ¾ time - $621/month ½ time - $413/month Less than ½ time - tuition & fees not to exceed $206.75/month Entitlement is 45 months of full time training or the equivalent in part time training	Effective 10/1/05 Full time - $297/month ¾ time - $222.75/month ½ time - $148.50/month Less than ½ time $74.25/month Entitlement is 36 months	90 days but less than one year Active Duty yields 40% of Chapter 30 rate $413.60. One year but less than two Active Duty yields 60% of Chapter 30 rate $620.40. Two years or more of continuous Active Duty yields 80% of Chapter 30 rate $827.20. Entitlement is 36 months.
Miscellaneous	Must possess a high school diploma, GED or have completed 12 college credits before applying for benefits; veterans must have one honorable period of service. Service member's pay is reduced by $100/month for the first 12 months of enlistment (except for Ch34/30 or Ch32/30 converters.) These pay reductions are not refundable under any circumstances. Officers who received commissions through service academies or ROTC scholarship are ineligible. (Exceptions exist)		Most veterans must complete the shorter of 24 months continuous active duty or the full period called to active duty. (Exceptions: medical, hardship, and convenience of the government discharges). Service persons must complete the lesser of 6 years or the first obligated period and have at least 3 months contributions available.	Child is not eligible prior to 18th birthday unless they have passed the age of compulsory education. Child may be paid for pursuit of an approved regular high school program.	Must earn a high school diploma or equivalent before completing initial active duty for training or before completing a re-enlistment or extended enlistment. Until 10/1/90, a baccalaureate degree is a bar. Must enlist, re-enlist, or extend enlistment for a 6-year period after 10/1/90 except for a graduate program.	Contingency Operations-Military operations as defined by the Secretary Of Defense. **No delimiting date.
Application	VAF 22-1990	VAF 28-1900	VAF 22-1990	VAF 22-5490	VAF 22-1990	VAF 22-1990
Reference	CFR 21.7000 series	CFR 21.1 - 21.430	CFR 21.5000 series	CFR 21.4000 series	CFR 21.7500 series	VBA Letter 22-04-05

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CHAPTER Public Law	SECTION 156 PL 97-377	SECTION 901 PL 96-342	SECTION 903 PL 96-342	OMNIBUS DIPLOMATIC ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 1986 PL99-399
Common Name	Restored Entitlement Program For Survivors REPS	Educational Assistance Test Program	Educational Assistance Pilot Program (Non-Contributory VEAP)	Hostage Relief Act
Eligibility Requirements	Surviving spouses or children of armed forces members who died while on active duty prior to 9/13/81, or of veterans who died of service connected causes incurred or aggravated prior to 6/13/82.	Enlisted or re-enlisted in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines between 11/1/80 and 9/31/81 inclusive, or entered a delayed enlistment contract during that period and entered active duty prior to 10/1/82.	Same as for section 901 plus must not be eligible for chapter 34.	Individuals in the civil service of the U.S. and individuals who rendered personal service to the U.S. similar to civil service persons who have been placed in captive status because of hostile action resulting from the individual's relationship with the U.S.
Delimiting Date	Child: eligible from age 18-to 22 Spouse: only when has a child under their care between the age of 16 to 18.	Veterans: 10 years from date of last separation from active duty Dependents: 10 years from date of veterans death; otherwise same as veterans.	10 years from date of last separation form active duty.	Former captive: 10 years from date of release from captivity Spouse: the earlier of above or 10 years from date of death.
Programs Allowed	Full-time training in a post-secondary school.	In-resident training offered in the U.S. and it's possessions by accredited post-secondary institutions except remedial and deficiency courses.	IHL, NCD, OJT, apprenticeship, cooperative, farm cooperative, correspondence, and flight effective 4/1/91 to 9/30/94.	Same as chapter 35
Tutorial Assistance	NO	NO	NO	NO
Work Study	NO	NO	YES	NO
Education Loan	NO	NO	NO	NO
Rates and Entitlement	Based on Social Security Administration rate tables Claimants earned income may be a factor	Educational subsistence allowance: Effective 10/1/01 Full-time - 919/month Less than full-time $459.50/month Educational assistance allowance: Effective 10/1/94 Cost of tuition, fees, books, and supplies up to $2605 per academic year (9months).	Same as for chapter 32 except that payments are based on the amount of contributions made by DOD on the participants behalf.	Payment rates: Same as chapter 35. Entitlement: 45 months Effective dates of payments: Former captive: no earlier than the date of release from captivity Dependents: no earlier than 90 days after the date the individual became a captive.
Miscellaneous	Program temporarily	Must possess high school	Transfer of entitlement to	VARO Baltimore handles all

	restores Social Security benefits eliminated by PL 97-35 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981). Regional office having jurisdiction of the veteran's records makes initial eligibility determination St. Louis RO processes payments. Claimants with problem may call the REPS unit directly at 314-589-9703.	diploma or equivalent Must serve 24 months of active duty or full period of enlistment (DOD may add other requirements) Participants may transfer entitlement to spouse or children Claims are processed by Muskogee Regional Office Use Payee "01" to find payments on the TINQ screen	dependents is allowed. Claims are processed by the student's VARO Use payee "03" to find payments on the TINQ screen	claims processing Application is by letter to: Dir. Gen. Of the Foreign Service Dept. of State, Washington, DC, 20520 Note: Delimiting date for child is the same as for spouse except may not exceed child's 21st birthday.
Application Forms	VAF 21-8924 & 8938	VAF 22-8889	VAF 22-1990	See "Miscellaneous" above
Reference	DVB Cir 20-83-16	CFR 21.5700 series	CFR 21.5290 series	DVB CIR 20-89-17

NOTE: More detailed eligibility information can be obtained at: www.gibill.va.gov

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