

# Transferability of Education Benefits to Family Members

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#### Post-9/11 GI Bill

#### • "World War II like" GI Bill ...

- For almost all who serve on active duty after 9-11 regular and reserve
- Pays full tuition and fees -- capped at highest in-state rate
- Monthly stipend equal to BAH for E-5 at school's zip code
- Additional stipend of \$1,000 per year for books supplies, etc.
- Benefit on sliding scale (months active duty)...
  - From 40% for 3 months of active duty to 100% for 36+ months
- Eliminates \$1,200 "buy in" and refunds to those who have paid
- Effective August 1, 2009.

#### Monthly benefit will vary by student

- Based on school costs and BAH rates at the school location
- Also varies by duty status and rate of study



### Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Eligible Members

- Any **member of the Armed Forces** (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and
  - Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election, or
  - Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or selected reserve) on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.



## Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Eligible Members Temporary Provision for Senior Members

- Any **member of the Armed Forces** (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and
  - Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009, no additional service is required.
    - For those individuals who have an approved retirement date after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, no additional service is required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service after approval of transfer are required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service after approval of transfer required.



### Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Eligible Family Members

- An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:
  - The individual's spouse.
  - One or more of the individual's children.
  - Any combination of spouse and child.
- A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits at the time of transfer, to receive transferred educational benefits.
- A child's subsequent marriage will not affect his or her eligibility to receive the educational benefit; however, after an individual has designated a child as a transferee under this section, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.
- A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits; however, after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee under this section, the eligible individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.



## Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) Web Portal

- Scheduled to become active on June 29, 2009, for advance requests
- Effective date will be no earlier than August 1, 2009
- Stand-alone web application hosted at the Defense Manpower Data Center
- Transferability request will be initiated by the Individual.
- Automatically populates dependents/presumed eligibility/entitlement remaining.
- Individual selects who, how much, and when.
- Service representative confirms basic eligibility & 4-year (or required) commitment.
- Forwarded to VA for administration and payments (if eligible).
- Individual can make changes on website (add/delete/change) only while in Armed Forces.