



Post-9/11 GI Bill:

Factors to Consider

Factors for Veterans and Servicemembers to Consider When Choosing Which GI Bill Benefit to Use

Many veterans and servicemembers are eligible for more than one education benefit program, including:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606)
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP, Chapter 1607)
- Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP).

Before selecting the VA education benefit best suited for a specific individual, these questions should be considered:

- Which benefit pays the individual more?
- Is s/he receiving other aid?
 - Will entitlement to that aid change?
- What Post-9/11 GI Bill tier is the person eligible for?
- What type of training will be pursued (i.e., bachelor's degree, flight training, on-the-job, etc.)?
 - How much, if any, of the training will be online/distance learning?
 - Is the preferred training covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?
- Where will the individual be living when pursuing training?
- Is the delimiting date (the timeframe to utilize benefits) important?
- Will the individual be a member of the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009?
- Is s/he eligible for Transfer of Entitlement? Does s/he want to transfer entitlement?
Note: Eligibility for transfer of entitlement is determined by the military branches of service.
- Does the individual have remaining entitlement under other VA Education Programs?
 - Does the individual plan to use that entitlement before using the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

For the most current and accurate information on all VA education benefits, visit the VA GI Bill Website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>, or call toll-free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).