

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

** This is only guidance. Please refer to DVA website www.GIBILL.va.gov for official information.

This is a no cost program for members of the Armed Forces (Active Component and Reserve) who have served at least 90 aggregate days of qualifying active duty on or after 11 Sep 2001. If you were discharged due to a service-connected disability with at least 30 continuous days, please contact Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for further information. This program began 1 August 2009. Benefits may include tuition and fees, a housing allowance, and a book/supplies stipend.

DVA will determine your level of benefits (40-100%) based on the length of qualified service performed. They will determine your remaining months of benefits based on what you have already used, if any, from other VA education programs. No more than 48 months from two or more programs may be used. If you are eligible for other education programs (MGIB-SR, REAP, MGIB-AD), you will have to make an irrevocable decision to relinquish one of them for Post-9/11 GI Bill.

You can apply for the Post 9/11 GI Bill and choose which benefit to relinquish (if any), at <https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> . You will need to list your active duty time and it may ask you to submit your DD-214. For those short periods where you did not get a DD-214, DVA will review the time which you list, and if they cannot verify it in their system, they will send a request to the CG Reserve Education Office. Your record will be reviewed, and your service time documented and sent back to DVA.

DVA will send you a “Certificate of Eligibility” (COE) which will state your number of months of benefits and the percentage level of benefits. You will take this to your school when you enroll.

If you plan to transfer your benefits to your dependents who are not going to school right away, you may want to request the COE early on so you get a determination from DVA. This way you will know what you actually have to transfer to your family. If your dependent is going to be using benefits right away, then they need to request their own COE as soon as your benefits are transferred.

Reservists generally have 15 years after Release from Active Duty (RELAD) of 90 consecutive days or on the 90th day on non-consecutive orders in which to exhaust entitlements. Check with DVA for the expiration date of your 15 years.

Transfer of Benefits to Dependents

ELIGIBILITY

This educational assistance, up to 36 months (DVA will determine your entitlement), may be transferred to DEERS eligible dependents under the following criteria:

- You must be a SELRES or Active Component (AC) member.
- You must have at least six years of service (as a Reservist or Regular)
- You must obligate up to an additional four years of service (SELRES or AC) if required. Reservists must utilize [CG-3307 \(SEP-22\)](#).

This DOES NOT take the place of a reenlistment contract or extension. You must still complete a Career Intention Worksheet six months prior to the end of your enlistment AND complete a new reenlistment contract or extension.

This obligation will begin on the date of your TEB request – Note** this may take you past your 20 years.

This additional service will run concurrent to other service contracts or agreements.

Your spouse may use it after you have served six years in service. Your children may use it after you have served 10 years of service.

Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Requests

Most reservists will be required to obligate additional service before their TEB request is approved. Details may be found in [ALCGRSV 042/09](#).

To transfer benefits to dependents, you must use your CAC to access the TEB Portal at www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/. If you have not yet relinquished one program for Post 9/11 GI Bill, you may do both in one action thru the TEB. This will authorize the VA to relinquish one of your programs (if any) for you.

If you were an AC member who paid into MGIB-AC (CH-30), you should be very careful when you relinquish because there are specific rules pertaining to this education program. Before relinquishing, contact either DVA or email reserveVAeducation@uscg.mil for additional information.

After you complete your TEB request, it will go to a Coast Guard Reserve Service Rep who will approve your request if you meet the all the requirements. Coast Guard cannot verify whether or not you have any entitlements remaining. Remember, DVA will determine how many remaining months of entitlement you actually have and at what level of benefits you qualify (ie 40% - 100%).

Even though children may use the benefit up to their 26th birthday, they must meet DEERS eligibility at the time of transfer.

For unmarried children over age 21 but less than age 23, they must be enrolled in a full-time course of study in an accredited institution of higher learning leading to an associate degree or higher. This must be documented thru RAPIDS (ID Card Issuing Activity).

It is recommended that you give at least one month to each dependent as a “placeholder”. Once you separate from SELRES or AC, you may not add new dependents nor transfer to a dependent that didn’t already have at least one month transferred to them

Eligible service members may transfer benefits to children or spouse well in advance of them attending college. Your obligated service begins upon the date of your TEB request.

Retired or IRR, ISL, ASL status reservists cannot transfer benefits to dependents but they may use the benefits for themselves.

Due to the complexities of this program, interested personnel should speak with a VA Education Counselor at 888-GIBILL-1 (442-4551). See the VA website at www.GIBILL.va.gov for up to date information.

If you have questions or encounter problems, you can email the CG Reserve Education Office at reserveVAeducation@uscg.mil

For further information see ALCOAST 377/09 and [ALCGRSV 042/09](#)