



# RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP) CHAPTER 1607



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# Purpose

To provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active service in response to war or national emergency declared by the President or the Congress, in recognition of the sacrifices that those members make in answering the call to duty.



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# Eligibility

- Performed active duty in support of a contingency operation beginning on or after 11 SEP 2001 for 90 consecutive days or more. Current contingency operations are: ONE, OEF, OIF.
- A member ordered to active duty in support of a contingency operation but released before completing 90 consecutive days because of an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, and not as a result of the member's own willful misconduct, shall retain entitlement.



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# Benefit Levels

- Benefit rates are based on the MGIB-AD 3 year rate.
- Educational assistance percentages are based on the length of active duty performed:
- 40% - 90 consecutive days but less than 1 continuous year
- 40% - released earlier than 90 days due to injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- 60% - 1 continuous year but less than 2 continuous years
- 80% - 2 continuous years or an aggregate of 3 years or more.
- Payment based on the 3 year aggregate cannot commence prior to 28 Jan 2008



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# Buy-Up Program

- A REAP eligible reservist may make contributions in order to receive an increased amount of educational assistance.
- Total amount contributed may not exceed \$600.
- For each \$20 contributed, the monthly benefit is increased by \$5 when enrolled full-time.
- The monthly benefit received is less when enrolled less than full-time. See table on next page.
- Contributions must be made while a member of the Ready Reserve.
- Contributions are non-refundable.
- Contributions do not transfer to the Post 9/11 GI Bill.



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this amount paid	Add this amount to Full Time payment	Add this amount to ¾ time payment	Add this amount to ½ time payment	Add this amount to less than ½ time but more than ¼ time payment	Add this amount to ¼ time payment
\$20	\$5.00	\$3.75	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$1.25
\$40	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$2.50
\$60	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$3.75
\$80	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
\$100	\$25.00	\$18.75	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$6.25
\$120	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$7.50
\$140	\$35.00	\$26.25	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$8.75
\$160	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
\$180	\$45.00	\$33.75	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$11.25
\$200	\$50.00	\$37.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$12.50
\$220	\$55.00	\$41.25	\$27.50	\$27.50	\$13.75
\$240	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
\$260	\$65.00	\$48.75	\$32.50	\$32.50	\$16.25
\$280	\$70.00	\$52.50	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$17.50
\$300	\$75.00	\$56.25	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$18.75
\$320	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
\$340	\$85.00	\$63.75	\$42.50	\$42.50	\$21.25
\$360	\$90.00	\$67.50	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$22.50
\$380	\$95.00	\$71.25	\$47.50	\$47.50	\$23.75
\$400	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
\$420	\$105.00	\$78.75	\$52.50	\$52.50	\$26.25
\$440	\$110.00	\$82.50	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$27.50
\$460	\$115.00	\$86.25	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$28.75
\$480	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$30.00
\$500	\$125.00	\$93.75	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$31.25
\$520	\$130.00	\$97.50	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$32.50
\$540	\$135.00	\$101.25	\$67.50	\$67.50	\$33.75
\$560	\$140.00	\$105.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$35.00
\$580	\$145.00	\$108.75	\$72.50	\$72.50	\$36.25
\$600	\$150.00	\$112.50	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$37.50

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# Buy-Up Process

- Members complete DD Form 2366-1 (Increased Benefit Contribution Program)
- This is an AD form – you do not need to be on active duty to use this. You must be SELRES or eligible IRR.
- Complete blocks 1 & 2 using EMPLID – not SSN
- Clearly mark “REAP BUY-UP” on top of form.
- Member scans and emails signed form to [ReserveVAeducation@uscg.mil](mailto:ReserveVAeducation@uscg.mil).
- Qualifying time will be validated, form certified, and emailed back to member with a copy to PPC
- Member can then begin the payment process



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# Buy-Up Payments Process Check or Money Order

- Check or money order:
  - Make payable to “U.S. Coast Guard”
  - Mark “REAP Buy-Up with EMPLID in check memo block
  - Mail to :  
Commanding Officer (DC)  
USCG Pay and Personnel Center (PPC)  
444 SE Quincy St.  
Topeka, KS 66683-3591  
ATTN: Collection Clerk



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# Buy-Up Payment Process Credit Card

- Credit Card:
  - Call 785-339-3610 (Debt Collections)
  - Ensure the clerk understands that this payment is for REAP BUY-UP and not MGIB-AD



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# Buy-Up Documents

- Contributions will post on member's LES
- If received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, it may not post until the following month
- Maintain copy of DD Form 2366-1 for your records
- Maintain payment records
- VA may request copies of DD 2366-1 and LES when applying for benefits



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# Benefits While on Active Duty

- **IMPORTANT:** Reservists on active duty are only entitled to be reimbursed for the actual cost of the tuition and fees of the courses taken (not to exceed the statutory rate.)



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# Limitations

- Benefits do not begin until the reservist has completed a minimum of 90 consecutive days unless released for a disability.
- Member may receive 36 months of full time entitlement at given rate.
- Members with eligibility under two or more VA education programs may not use more than 48 months of entitlements.



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# Eligibility Duration

- A member remains entitled to REAP while serving:
  - In SELRES, if member was called or ordered to active duty from SELRES.
  - In IRR, if member was called or ordered to active duty from IRR.
  - If a member transfers to the IRR before completing their service contract, their REAP benefits will be suspended until the member returns to SELRES.



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# Separation from SELRES

- A reservist who is eligible for REAP remains eligible for a 10 year period beginning on the date on which the member was separated from SELRES if the following are met:
  - Successfully completed a service contract, and:
  - Was separated from SELRES and not via IRR, and:
  - Was separated under a minimum characterization of service of:
    - Honorable, if separated on or after 28JAN08 and has not used any of the CH 1607 entitlement
    - Other than Dishonorable, if separated between 28OCT04 and 27JAN08



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# Separation from Ready Reserve for Disability

- If you separate from the Ready Reserve for a disability that was not the result of your own willful misconduct, you will remain entitled to REAP for a period of 10 years after the date of your eligibility (not the date of disability).



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# Termination of Benefits

- Benefits are terminated:
  - At the end of the 10 year period.
  - When benefits are depleted.
  - When a SELRES member fails to complete their service obligation and discharged from the Ready Reserve.
  - When an IRR member, who was called to active duty from the IRR and returned to the IRR, separates from the IRR.



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# Reinstating Benefits

- Member can regain eligibility after leaving qualifying status in Ready Reserve by being re-mobilized for at least 90 days and then remaining in qualifying status.



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# Eligibility for Other VA Programs

- Period of service which establishes CH 1607 can be used to concurrently satisfy an equal period of MGIB-SR (CH 1606)
- A reservist who has completed at least two continuous years on active duty may elect to participate in MGIB-AD (CH 30). If the member chooses this option, this period of service cannot be used concurrently to satisfy MGIB-SR (CH 1606)



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# Election of CH 30

- If member chooses their qualifying time to count towards CH 30, the following applies:
  - Member must make an irrevocable election on DD Form -2366
  - Member must contribute \$1200.
  - Member will receive the 2 year rate for a two year period on active duty.
  - Member will receive the 3 year rate for at least 3 years on active duty



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# Approved Training

- Graduate and Undergraduate
- Vocational/Technical Training
- On-the-Job or Apprenticeship Training
- Correspondence Training
- Flight Training



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# REAP Summary

Eligibility	Reserves who served on a contingency operation for at least 90 consecutive days (Exception: Disability)
How much money	Rates are based on a percentage of Chapter 30. Please visit the VA website for the most up to date rates. <a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates/CH1607/ch1607rates080108.htm">http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates/CH1607/ch1607rates080108.htm</a>
Buy-Up	May contribute up to \$600 with a return value of \$5400 over 36 months of full-time education benefits.
How do I apply	<a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/How_to_Apply.htm">http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/How_to_Apply.htm</a>
REAP Website	<a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm">http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm</a>



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# Additional Information

- ALCOAST 045/06
- [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/benefits.htm#REAP](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm#REAP)
- <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>



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# Questions?

Contact the Reserve  
VA Education Program Manager  
at

**[reserveVAeducation@uscg.mil](mailto:reserveVAeducation@uscg.mil)**

All inquires must include the following in the  
subject line:

Name of education program  
Member's name and EMPLID

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