

POST 9/11 GI BILL (CHAPTER 33)  
Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB)  
“Post 9/11 GI Bill for Dummies”

Whose eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill TEB: spouse , child or a combination of both

**Spouse:**

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books and supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member’s last separation form active duty

**Child:**

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
- Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books and supplies stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

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How do I know if I qualify? Log on to [www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB)

- 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.
- 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, or
- 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.

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If retirement is in your sight...

- 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.

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STEP 1:

- Each Soldier desiring to transfer educational benefits to a eligible dependent must complete the application at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>
- Verify eligible dependents information to include spouse (name and date of birth)
- Click “edit” to change TEB information **Note**: TEB cannot exceed 36 months total for all eligible dependents (ex: three dependents – one gets 36 months and no transfer to other two OR 12 months each for all three)
- Indicate transfer begin date and transfer end date (i.e. child starts a/o returns to college 14 September 2009 – requested date would be a/o September 2009)
- Acknowledge statement of understanding for the nine questions listed – paying special attention to the **“my election is *irrevocable* and may not be changed”** statement.

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STEP 2:

- Complete Application for Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pub/forms/VBS-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>
- Part I: information on the Applicant (your dependent) – have available the social security number, date of birth, and contact information
- Part II: requires information on the Type and Program of education or training (i.e., college, university, vocational training, correspondence, etc) – have available the full name of the university and address
- Part III: Education and Employment Information on the applicant – summer jobs, on-the-job (OJT), education completed after high school, etc
- Part IV: Entitlement to an Usage of Additional Types of Assistance (for active duty applicants ONLY)

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Part V: Service Member Information -- it will help VA to process the claim if the following documents are included:

- A copy of the transferability authorization form issued to the service member
- A VA Form 21-686c (Declaration of Status of Dependents) completed and signed by the service member
- A copy of any college fund contract issued to the service member Proof of additional MGIB contributions (up to \$600.00) made by the service member

Part VI : Certification and Signature of Applicant -- sign and date