



Post-9/11 GI Bill: Factors to Consider

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 (Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (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 use benefits) important?
- Does the individual plan to use that entitlement before using the Post-9/11 GI Bill?
- 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?