

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

This is not an endorsement to change your current GI Bill (Chapter 30, 1606, or 1607) benefits - It may be more beneficial to stay with your current GI Bill benefit. You can change benefits anytime while you are still an active drilling member.

If a Soldier wants to elect to use the new GI Bill there are a few things they need do to ensure they are getting the best benefit.

Step 1: Determine Remaining GI Bill Entitlement

Contact the VA @ 1-888-GI-Bill-1

Ask 'How many months have I used for each GI Bill Program?' - Subtract from 48

Step 2: Determine Ch 33 Service/Payment Tier

Visit the VA the tutorial @ http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/step-by-step.htm

Keep in mind only Title 10 Orders are qualifying service for this program. Entry level and skill training (IADT) does not count until Soldier has 24 months of qualifying service.

Step 3: Understand Benefits/Payment - Using the tutorial on the VA GI Bill website

Tuition & Fees

Monthly Housing Allowance

E5 BAH w/dep for the zip code of school attending - online only is NOT eligible for this.
Must be attending a minimum of 1/2 time or more

Book & Supplies Stipend

Up to \$1000 per academic year
Prorated based on Payment Tier

Yellow Ribbon Program

Must have 100% eligibility under Ch 33 - 36+ months Title 10 Active Duty

Transferability

There is a minimum of 6 yrs served and a 4 yr remaining obligation required (reenlistment to meet obligation may be required)

Must be in Armed Forces on or after 1 Aug 2009

Must NOT have adverse action flag

Step 4: Make an Informed Decision

Compare your programs using the VA GI Bill website. Review the attached information. Call or email the SD Education Office if you need additional help.

If a Soldier chooses to transfer the GI Bill to a dependent please apply using

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/agentsso/LoginSelect.jsp?gotourl=%2FTEB%2Findex.jsp&modules=DFAS,FAM,CAC>

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