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## Post 9/11 GI Bill **Education Program**

Chapter 33

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#### Post 9-11 GI Bill - Overview

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# The Post 9-11 GI Bill is an education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty after September 10, 2001.



### Post 9-11 Gl Bill - Who is eligible?

- •Requires minimum 90 days active cumulative service since 11 Sep 2001 other than basic training/IADT/annual tours
  - ANG: Title 10 and Title 32 502f included
    - •Eligibility to use Title 32 (AGR)/32 sec 502f payable1 Oct 11 retroactive to 1 Aug 09
- •Benefit:
  - •40% for 90-180 days of AD service
  - •Benefit increases 10% with each additional 6 months of AD service
  - •100% with 36 months of AD service



### Post 9-11 Gl Bill – What you receive

- Post 9-11 GI Bill Pays for:
  - Tuition/fees capped at most expensive state school
  - Housing allowance at rate of SSgt with dependents
  - Annual stipend of \$1000 for books/supplies
  - •36 academic months



### Post 9-11 GI Bill – Kinds of training

- Types of Training and Assistance/Degree programs effective 1 Oct
  11 can be used for:
  - Colleges
  - Universities
  - Trade schools
  - Flight training
  - Independent and distance learning
  - Apprenticeships
  - Vocational/technical training
  - On-the-job training
  - Tuition Assistance top-up
  - Licensing (attorney license, cosmetology license)
  - Certification tests (SAT, LSAT, etc.)



# ARPC Letter of Certification/How to apply

- •To eliminate the need to submit orders or DD 214's to the VA, ARPC can provide you with a Letter of Certification.
- •In order to request a letter of Certification (LOC) you will need to:
  - Review Point Credit Summary on vMPF for accuracy
    - Qualifying duty is identified as Type of Duty 1, 2, 3 & 5 on pt summary
  - •Log into your MyPers account to request a letter of certification
  - •ANG members provide orders for type of duty (codes 2, 3 & 5 on point summary)



# ARPC Letter of Certification/How to apply

- •Once you receive your LOC:
  - Complete the VA 22-1990 on https://www.vets.gov/
  - Attach your LOC to your application as supporting documentation.
- Once you submit your application:
  - Speak with your VA certifying official at the school letting them know you are applying to use your GI Bill benefits.



#### Letter of Certification Breakdown

- You many receive up to 36 months of Post 9-11 GI Bill
  - The percentage of tuition covered is based on the total number of qualifying active duty days
  - Point Break Down:

 You will be eligible for benefits for 15 years from your last period of active duty of at least 90 consecutive days



### Eligibility to Transfer Your Benefit

- Eligibility/Commitment for transfer to dependents:
  - 6 years Active Duty and/or Selected Reserve service on the date of election to transfer to a spouse
    - 10 years to transfer to dependent children
  - 90 Days of Qualifying Active Duty Time (TD Code 1, 2, 3 & 5)
  - •You will incur a commitment for an additional 4 years active duty and/or Selected Reserve service upon transfer



### Eligibility to Transfer Your Benefit

- Eligibility/Commitment:
  - •You must be on Active Duty or participating in the Selected Reserve when you elect transfer
  - You may revoke or modify the election after you leave participating status, but you may not add a dependent
  - CAT E Members are not Eligible to Transfer as they are not Selected Reserve
- Dependents must be listed in DEERS to eligible to receive benefits.



### Transferring Benefits to Children

- You may transfer to your children
  - 0-21 years of age
  - 21-23 years of age, if enrolled in full time college
  - Children must be listed in DEERS in order to transfer
  - The opportunity to transfer will remain up to 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday in spite of the recent insurance change to 26<sup>th</sup> birthday



### Transferring Benefits to Children

- Children may use your benefit:
  - Attain the age of 18 or complete requirements of secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate)
  - Until age 26 even if member's 15 year eligibility period has ended
    - If dependent has married after starting school and already receiving benefit



#### Member Applies to Transfer

Applying for Post 9-11 GI Bill has multiple steps

Member applies to be made eligible for Post 9-11 with the VA by

filling out the VA form 22-1990

 Members apply to transfer their benefits to their dependents with their branch of service,
 Via the web page

www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect





#### VA-Yellow Ribbon Program

- Once a member is 100% eligible for Post 9-11 GI Bill members can qualify for Yellow Ribbon Program.
- The Yellow Ribbon Program provides additional support in those situations.
  - Institutions voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund uncovered charges.
  - VA matches each dollar of unmet charges that the institution agrees to contribute, up to the total cost of the tuition and fees
- Best way to see school tuition rates as well as yellow ribbon eligibility is the GI Bill Comparison Tool at

www.VA.gov



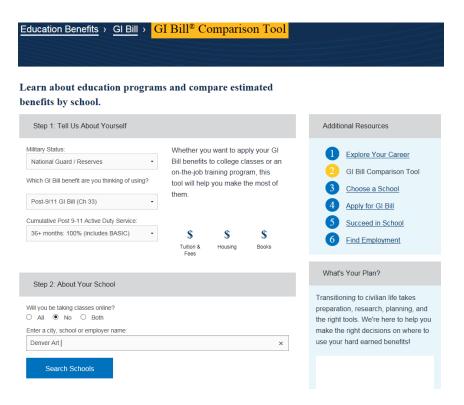
### How to Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool





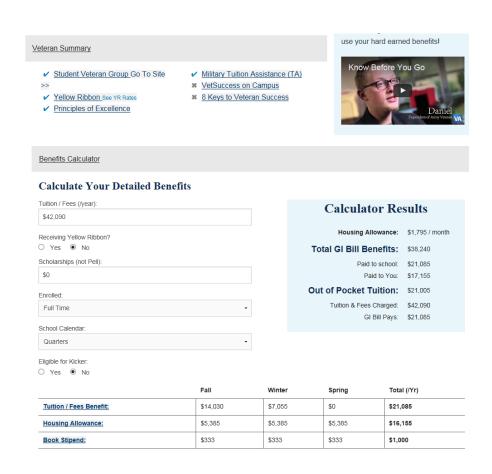
### How to Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool

Member enters their eligibility info, and searches a school or city





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- •To establish Post 9/11 Education Assistance eligibility:
  - •http://www.va.gov
  - http://www.vet.gov is where you find the VA Form 22-1990
  - •Member may attach up to 5, 1mg attachments (orders, DD 214, etc.)
- •To elect to transfer benefits:
  - •https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/
  - •Site accessible with:
    - Common access card
    - Defense Department self-service user identification
    - Defense Finance and Accounting Service PIN

For more information: www.va.gov

or call VA Education at: 1-888-442-4551

or call Total Force Service Center – Denver at:

1-800-525-0102



#### **Questions?**





