



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Post-9/11 GI Bill: Factors to Consider

Factors for Veterans and Service Members to Consider When Choosing Which GI Bill Benefit to Use

Many Veterans and Service members are eligible for a variety of education benefit programs. They include:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606)
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP, Chapter 1607)
- Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP)

Consider these questions before choosing the most appropriate VA education benefit:

- Which benefit would pay you more?
- Are you receiving other aid and will that entitlement change?
- Which Post-9/11 GI Bill tier are you eligible for?
- How much of the training will be online?
- Where will the training take place?
- Is the time limit for using the benefit important?
- Are you a member of the Armed Forces or a Veteran?
- Are you eligible for Transfer of Entitlement? Do you want to transfer entitlement?
- Do you have remaining entitlement under other VA education programs?