

# Veterans Affairs

## Registration and Benefit Update



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# Registration Summer 2009 & Fall 2009

- **Research your prospective courses and Professors**
- **Consult your academic advisor**
- **Contact our office to check classes for certification**

# Important Dates

- **Summer Registration – March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Summer I 4<sup>th</sup> Class Day– June 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Summer II 4<sup>th</sup> Class Day – July 16<sup>th</sup>**
- **Fall Registration- April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Fall 12<sup>th</sup> Class Day- September 11<sup>th</sup>**

# 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33

- Active Duty or Reservist after 9/10/2001
- If you are eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill and other GI Bill benefits (such as the Montgomery GI Bill) you will be required to make an irrevocable choice of which benefit you wish to receive.
- If, however you switch training programs AND you have eligibility under more than one type of GI Bill you MAY be able to change which GI Bill you draw depending on your eligibility.

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- Eligibility ranges from 40% - 100%
- VA calculates % of maximum benefit payable utilizing the Service member's DD-214
- Effective date = August 1, 2009
- Transfer of Benefits

**If you are a member of the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009, the Department of Defense (DoD) may offer you the opportunity to transfer benefits to your spouse or dependent children. DoD and the military services will issue policy on use of transferability in the coming months.**

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- **Active Duty completed after September 10, 2001**
  
- **Percentage of Maximum Amount Payable for at least 36 months = 100%**
  
- **At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability = 100%**
  - **30 months to 36 months = 90%**
  - **24 months to 30 months = 80%**
  - **18 months to 24 months = 70%**
  - **12 months to 18 months = 60%**
  - **6 months to 12 months = 50%**
  - **90 days to 6 months = 40%**

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- For reservists, the following applies:
  - Post-9/11 Service Percentage of Maximum Amount Payable for at least 36 cumulative months = 100%
  - At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability = 100%
    - At least 30 cumulative months = 90%
    - At least 24 cumulative months = 80%
    - At least 18 cumulative months = 70%
    - At least 12 cumulative months = 60%
    - At least 6 cumulative months = 50%
      - 90 aggregate days = 40%

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## What We Know

- BAH for Texas State is \$1153 per month
- Book payment of \$333.33 per term
  - Tuition will be paid directly to schools
- Veterans are responsible for all overpayments as a result of schedule changes, drops and/or withdrawals
- If you are enrolled entirely in an online or distance learning program your payment is limited to the tuition & fees, not to exceed the tuition & fees at the most expensive in-state Institution of Higher Learning (IHL). You will not receive the housing allowance or books & supplies stipend.

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- If just one of your classes is categorized as “in-residence” and you are otherwise eligible, you would be entitled to the applicable BAH rate for the time you are engaged in “in-residence” training.
- The BAH will be determined by the ZIP code of the “in-residence” course(s) school location.
- “Kickers” will be paid with the following caveat
  - If you participated in the \$600 buy-up under the Montgomery GI Bill or REAP you will not receive that additional benefit under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

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## The process

- Register for classes & complete certification request at our office
- Our office certifies enrollment and reports tuition and fees to VA
- Payment for books and BAH is automatically generated
- VA sends BAH & book stipend to student

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## What We Do Not Know

- **Specific dates to submit Chapter 33 applications**
- **How to process the 13 days of eligibility for Summer II nor the 12 days of the 10 week Summer semester.**

# 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33

## Issues & Questions

- Is Chapter 33 right for me?
- See the following scenarios
- Plug in your numbers

# 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33

## Scenario #1: Public University X / In-State Tuition and Fees

Program	<u>Post-9/11</u>	<u>GI Bill MGIB</u>
<u>Highest in-state tuition</u>	<u>\$5,800</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Tuition & Fees Charged by University	\$4,000	\$4,000
VA pays on Veteran's Behalf	<u>(\$4,000)</u>	<u>(\$0)</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
Housing allowance (\$1000/month for 4 months)	\$4,000	N/A
MGIB monthly rate (\$1321/month for 4 months)	N/A	\$5,284
Books & supplies	<u>\$500</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4500</b>	<b>\$5284</b>
MGIB \$600 buy-in (\$150/month for 4 months)	N/A	\$600
Benefit paid Directly to Veteran	\$4,500	\$5,884
Tuition & Fees paid by Veteran	<u>(\$0)</u>	<u>(\$4,000)</u>
<b>TOTAL Net to Veteran</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$1,884</b>

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## Scenario #2: Public University X/ Out-of-State Tuition & Fees

<b>Program</b>	<b><u>Post-9/11</u></b>	<b><u>GI Bill MGIB</u></b>
Highest in-state tuition	\$5,800	N/A
Tuition & Fees Charged by University	\$10,850	\$10,850
VA pays on Veteran's Behalf	\$5,800	\$0
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b><u>(\$5,050)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$10,850)</u></b>
Housing allowance (\$1000/month for 4 months)	\$4,000	N/A
MGIB monthly rate (\$1321/month for 4 months)	N/A	\$5,284
Books & supplies	\$500	N/A
MGIB \$600 buy-in (\$150/month for 4 months)	N/A	\$600
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,884</u></b>
Benefit paid Directly to Veteran	\$4,500	\$5,884
Tuition & Fees paid by Veteran	<b><u>(\$5,050)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$10,850)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL Net to Veteran</b>	<b>(\$ 550)</b>	<b>(\$ 4,966)</b>

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- **How do I determine how much of my tuition and fees the VA will pay my school?**
- **To answer this question, you need to know two things.**
  - 1. How much is your school charging you for tuition for a specific term?
  - 2. How much is your school charging you in fees for the same term?
  - 3. What percentage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill am I entitled to receive?
- **Assumptions**
- **To answer the above questions, let's assume the following:**
  - • You are an undergraduate student attending an approved program at a public institution.
  - • You are enrolled in 12 credit hours for the fall term and your school has charged you \$2,400 for tuition and \$500 in fees.
  - • The GI Bill website shows that your state maximum cost per credit hour is \$1333 and fees is \$12,130.
- **How much will VA pay?**
- **If you are entitled to 100% of the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, VA will pay your school \$2,900.**
  - • VA will pay the \$2,400 you were charged for tuition. This was the amount you were charged and does not exceed the maximum VA can pay.
    - o The maximum VA could pay was determined by multiplying the number of credit hours you are enrolled in and the maximum the VA could pay (12 credit hours X \$1333 max cost per credit hour in your state = \$15,996 max VA can pay.)
  - • VA will pay the \$500 of fees you were charged. This was the amount you were charged and does not exceed the maximum \$12,130 VA can pay per term.
  - **Note: If you are entitled to less than 100% of the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits, multiply the amount VA pays by your percentage of entitlement**
- **Example:** You're entitled to 70%, the payment to the school would be \$2,030 ( $\$2,900 \times 70\% = 2,030$ ).

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## Chapter 33 Transfer Information

- If you are a member of the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009, the Department of Defense (DoD) may offer you the opportunity to transfer benefits to your spouse or dependent children. However, commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (PHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are not eligible for the transferability option. DoD and the military services will issue policy on use of transferability in the coming months.
- **Question** -If I'm not able to obligate for an additional 4 years of service because I'm nearing retirement of the military won't offer me the chance to reenlist can I still be approved for transfer of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?
- **Answer** - The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for determining eligibility for transfer of entitlement. The law provides that an individual must have served at least 6 years in the Armed Forces and agree to serve a minimum of 4 more years. However, the law permits DoD to modify the number of additional years an individual must serve by regulation. DoD is currently developing their policies and regulations to implement the transferability program. As information becomes available from DOD, we will make it available on our website.

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- Chapter 33 Transfer Information
  - Who determines whether I can transfer my education benefits to my dependents? Answer
  - Each branch of the military has the sole discretion to determine whether that service will allow the transfer of benefits to dependents. VA does not have any authority to grant this option. Currently, the only branch of the military to allow transferability of benefits is the Army.
  - For information about the Army MGIB Transferability Program, please see [HERE](#). This program is handled by the Army.
  - In the past, certain members of the Air Force and Navy were eligible to transfer benefits to their dependents, but the eligibility was very limited and usually only offered to service members in critical occupational specialties. If you are unsure of your eligibility status for this program, you are most likely not eligible, as participation was very limited and eligible members were made aware of their status by the military branches. Please contact your military branch for more information. VA has no authority on this matter.
  - Certain states offer some education benefits for dependents of veterans. For more information, visit: <http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>

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## FALL ISSUES

- We are working the tuition and fee issues with Student Business Services for Fall 2009
- Waiting for VA to publish new forms for Chapter 33

# Hazlewood Exemption

- **Submit your Exemption Request and application now for both Summer 2009 and Fall 2009**
- **Correspondence and Study Abroad course work must be on degree plan!**
- **You must pay your student service fee**
- **When you sign up for Hazlewood make sure to ask for your available hours**
- **Schedule changes**

# CHAPTER 35 - DEPENDENTS

## Help Yourself

- Register early
- Avoid schedule changes
- Follow degree plan

# CHAPTER 31

## Items Of Interest

- **Current 1905**
- **Register early**
- **Impact of Chapter 33**
  - **The same eligibility rules apply as for all other Veterans**
  - **You can switch between Chapter 31 and Chapter 33**
  - **Using both programs you have a maximum of 48 months of benefits**

# VETERANS AFFAIRS

And .....Finally

- Veterans Alliance
- Veterans Support group
- Office Vice President of Student Affairs

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**QUESTIONS?**