

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1. What do I have to do to enroll in Post 9/11 GI Bill?

A1. You are not required to enroll. Service members who have served at least 90 days, and up to 36 months of qualifying active duty time since Sept 11, 2001, are eligible for Post 9/11 benefits (40%-100%).

Q2. What is qualifying active duty time?

A2. The following active duty time is not included in qualifying active duty:

- a. Statutory USNA and NROTC service obligations
- b. Service obligations incurred with the Student Loan Repayment Program
- c. AT and drilling time is not considered qualifying active duty for SELRES
- d. IADT is not considered qualifying active duty until after the SELRES has completed 24 months of active duty time
- e. Active duty members who do not fall under items a. and b. above, and wish to use the benefit themselves, are eligible for 100% benefits 90 days after completion of boot camp and initial school pipeline training.

Q3. What will I received if I use the benefit while on active duty?

A3. Active duty members will receive full tuition and fees for courses taken. If the member is using tuition assistance, they will receive the difference between what TA will fund and actual costs. Active duty members do not receive the monthly or book stipend.

Q4. What will I receive if I use the benefit while a drilling Reservists?

A4. Drilling Reservists will receive benefits based on percentage of qualifying active duty time and will include: tuition and fees, (restricted to the most expensive, undergraduate, in-state tuition for the state the college is located) \$1,000 annual book stipend and monthly stipend.

Q5. When do my benefits expire?

A5. Veterans have 15 years from the last discharge or release from duty of 90 days or longer. Discharge must be an honorable discharge.

Q6. Will I be able to use this benefit to for a graduate degree?

A6. Yes. If the tuition and fees is greater than amount allowed, the member would be responsible for the additional costs if the institution is not part of the Yellow Ribbon program.

Q7. What is the Yellow Ribbon program?

A7. A program where the institution elects to share costs that exceed the allowable amount with the VA. The institution may provide up to 50% and the VA would match these funds.

Q8. Who should I contact if I have questions about my eligibility?

A8. The Department of Veteran's Affairs is the final authority of eligibility. You should contact the regional office if you have questions about eligibility.

Q9. I want to transfer my benefits to my wife, what actions are required?

A9. You must have six years in the Armed Forces and agree to serve at least four more in either active duty or SELRES.

Q10. Are there any exceptions to the 4-year service obligation?
A10. Yes, for members who will have 20 years of service between 1 August 2009 and 1 August 2013, the service obligation will vary. Members with 20 years will have no service obligation. Members with 19, 18 or 17 years in the Armed Forces on 1 August 2009, will have a 1-year, 2-year or 3-year service obligation respectively.
Q11. Will high year tenure eliminate my ability to transfer my benefits to my family members?
A11. No, if policy or statute prevents you from obligating for the full service obligation, you are required to serve the maximum allowed by the policy.
Q12. What benefits will my family members receive?
A12. Spouses will receive the same benefit as their sponsor. Children will receive tuition and fees, monthly and book stipends. Spouses may be used benefit as soon as the sponsor's service obligation is approved. Children may use the benefit after the sponsor has completed ten years.
Q13. Both parents are in the military. What benefits do we receive?
A13. Each member would have up to 36 months of benefits. To ensure transferability is available for all dependents, both members should list dependents in DEERs.
Q14. Are the benefits taxed?
A14. No
Q15. What are the time restrictions for my children to use the benefits?
A15. Children may be enrolled as long as they are in DEERs. They do not have to be in DEERs when they use the benefit. They have until they reach the age of 26 to exhaust the transferred benefit.
Q16. Can I change transferred entitlement?
A16. While you are in the Armed Forces, you can add, modify or revoke the entitlement. After you are discharged, you may only modify or revoke the entitlement.
Q17. How do I apply for transferability?
A17. Meet with your career counselor, ensure you have the appropriate service obligation documented in the personnel data base and apply on line at https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/