



# **Post-9/11 G.I. Bill**

## **Transfer Education Benefits (TEB)**



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## **Eligibility**

Any member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and:

1. Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of approval and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.
2. Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of approval, is precluded by either standard policy (Service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.
3. Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through July 31, 2012, and agrees to serve an additional period of service in subparagraphs (a) through (d). A Service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active Federal service or 20 qualifying years as computed pursuant to section 12732 of title 10 U.S.C. This will no longer be in effect on August 1, 2013, and on or after that date all members must comply with paragraphs 1 and 2.
  - a. For individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009, no additional service is required.
  - b. For individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service is required.
  - c. For individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service is required.
  - d. For individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service is required.
4. Such transfer must be requested and approved while the member is in the Armed Forces.

## **Eligible Dependents**

An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse.
- One or more of the individual's children.
- Any combination of spouse and child.
- A family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.

A child's subsequent marriage will not affect his or her eligibility to receive the educational benefit; however, after an individual has designated a child as a transferee under this section, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits; however, after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee under this section, the eligible individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

## **Nature of Transfer**

An eligible Service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, or the entire 36 months if the member has used none (unless DoD/DHS limits the number of months an individual may transfer).

Family member use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:

Spouse:

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
- Is not eligible for the monthly housing allowance while the member is serving on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.

Child:

- May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
- May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.

- May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
- Is entitled to the monthly housing allowance stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
- Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

## How to Submit a Transfer Request

1. Use your Common Access Card (CAC), DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon), or DFAS Account (myPay) to sign in to the milConnect portal application:

<http://milconnect.dmdc.mil>

- When the milConnect Home page displays, select **Education** → **Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)** from the menu bar.
- When the TEB portlet page displays, your family members are listed in the table under the **List of Family Members** section.

Note: If a family member is not eligible for DEERS benefits, and thus is not eligible to receive transferred benefits, the word "ineligible" will display in the Relation column to the right of your relationship to that family member.

2. To transfer benefit months to a family member, do the following:

- Locate the name of the appropriate family member in the table.
- From the **Months** drop-down list, select the number of months (0 to 36) to transfer.
- Optionally, enter an **End Date** in YYYY-MM-DD format.

Repeat this process for each family member.

3. Once transfer Months have been assigned to your family members, you must submit your transfer request for approval by doing the following:

- Select the "Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33" radio button in the **Select the educational program from which to transfer benefits** section.
- Select all the boxes in the **Transferability of Education Benefits Acknowledgements** section to indicate that you have read and understand each statement.
- Click the **Submit Request** button.

If the submission is successful, a **Confirmation** message displays.

After you have submitted your transfer request, the **Sponsor** information section at the top of the TEB page updates to show that the Status is now *Submitted*. The Status Date is blank and will remain blank until a Service Representative approves, rejects, or sets your request to a pending status.

To track the status of your request, you will need to return to the TEB page to check the "Status" in the **Sponsor** information section. Once your transfer request is

approved, the status will be updated to *Request Approved* and the approval Status Date will be set to the date the Service Representative approved the request.

4. Once your transfer request is approved, your request data is sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Each family member must first apply for a certificate of eligibility from the DVA before they can use their transferred benefits. Once the DVA receives the request data and VA Form 22-1990E, they will be able to process your family members' requests to use their benefits. The application for the certificate of eligibility (VA Form 22-1990E) can be found through the Department of Veterans Affairs' VONAPP Web Site <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>). A paper form is also available at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>. Or you can call the DVA for Education Benefits information at 1-888-GIBILL1.

5. After receiving their certificates of eligibility from the DVA, your family members must provide the certificates to the school.

6. If your family members do not receive their certificates of eligibility from the DVA before they enroll in school, they should ask the veterans' certifying official at the school to submit to the DVA an enrollment certification for the academic term.

Tuition funds will be sent direct from the DVA to the school. Children are eligible for the monthly living stipend and/or the books and supplies stipend while you are serving on active duty. Your spouse is eligible for the books and supplies stipend, but not the monthly living stipend, while you are on active duty, because both you and your spouse are already receiving the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). If you are not currently serving on active duty, then both your spouse and children are eligible for the monthly living stipend and/or the books and supplies stipend.

**Note:** If you are an active duty Service member, you and your spouse can continue to use the benefit for up to 15 years after you are last released (discharged or retired) from active duty. If you are a Selected Reserve member, you and your spouse can continue to use the benefit for up to 15 years after you are last released from your last active duty period of at least 90 consecutive days. Children can use their benefits until their 26th birthdays.