



# Department of Veterans Affairs

## Post-9/11 GI Bill Title 38 U.S.C. chapter 33



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# Post-9/11 GI Bill

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# Eligibility

Individuals with active duty service after 09/10/01 who:

- Serve a period of at least 90 aggregate days
- Serve a period of at least 30 days and receive a disability discharge

NOTE: Individuals are eligible while on active duty after serving a period of 90 days



# Eligibility

- Qualifying active duty includes:
  - Full-time duty in the Armed Forces, other than active duty for training
  - A call or order to active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of Title 10
- Active duty periods may begin at any time, however, only portion served after 09/10/01 can be used to establish eligibility



# Eligibility

Service which cannot be used to establish eligibility includes:

- Title 32 service, including AGR
- Service academy contract periods
- ROTC contract periods under Title 10
- Service used under the Loan Repayment Program



# Eligibility

- Basic eligibility established with 90 aggregate days of service
- Benefit level based on length of service
- Maximum benefit payable if individual serves at least:
  - 36 months of active duty service
  - 30 days of active duty service with a disability discharge



# Eligibility

<b>Service Requirements (after 9/10/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of)</b>	<b>% of Maximum Benefit Payable</b>
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months*	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months*	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months*	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months*	40

\*Excluding entry level and skill training



# Eligibility

In order to retain eligibility after meeting the service requirements, an individual must:

- Continue on active duty; or
- Be honorably discharged from Armed Forces; or
- Be honorably discharged and placed on retired list, temporary disability retired list, or transferred to Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve; or
- Be honorably discharged for further service in a reserve component; or
- Be discharged or released for
  - Injury Existing Prior to Service (EPTS)
  - Hardship (HDSF), or
  - Condition Interfered with Service (CIWD)





# Period of Eligibility

- 15 years from last release from active duty of at least:
  - 90 consecutive days
  - 30 consecutive days if released for disability
- If eligibility is based on aggregate service of less than 90 consecutive days, individual will have 15 years from the last period of service used to meet the minimum service requirements for eligibility



# Period of Eligibility

## Example

John T. Smith is a pilot in the Air Force Reserve with the following multiple periods of call-up service:

05/15/07 – 06/13/07	30 days
03/12/08 – 05/10/08	60 days
10/30/08 – 11/28/08	30 days

He meets the minimum service requirement for eligibility effective 05/10/08, the date he completes 90 aggregate days of service

His period of eligibility expires 05/10/23, 15 years after meeting the minimum service requirement for eligibility



# Elections

Individuals eligible for one of the following benefits may be required to make an irrevocable election to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill

- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (MGIB-AD or chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR or chapter 1606)
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP or chapter 1607)



# Elections

Individuals who establish eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill must make an irrevocable election if, as of August 1, 2009, they are:

- Eligible for either MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR or REAP; or
- A member of the Armed Forces who is eligible to receive MGIB-AD benefits and who is making the basic \$1200 contribution toward MGIB-AD; or
- A member of the Armed Forces who previously declined to elect chapter 30



# Elections

- Elections must include:
  - The effective date of the election, which must be on or after August 1, 2009
  - The benefit the individual is relinquishing to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits
  - Acknowledgement that the election is irrevocable
- Individuals are encouraged to submit elections on the revised VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits





# Elections

- Individuals should carefully consider their education goals before applying and electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- VA can provide general benefit comparison information, however, an individual's unique circumstances must also be considered
- Benefit comparison information is available at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)



# Elections

There are several factors individuals should consider, including, but not limited to:

- Eligibility for other VA Benefits
- Benefit Level
- Rate of Pursuit
- Other Financial Assistance





# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

- Individuals who elect to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits ***in lieu of*** MGIB-AD benefits are limited to their remaining MGIB-AD entitlement
- The \$600 Buy-up is not payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

### Example

Peter Piper served on active duty from July 15, 1999, to July 14, 2002, and received an honorable discharge. He used 34 of 36 months of MGIB-AD benefits. His active duty service from September 11, 2001, to July 14, 2002, also establishes his eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

He plans to enroll for the Fall 2009 term and is considering electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

What impact will this have on his eligibility?



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

### Example

If Peter elects Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits in lieu of MGIB-AD benefits for the Fall 2009 term, he will be entitled to 2 months of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. If the Fall term is from August 15, 2009, through December 22, 2009, he will exhaust his benefits during the term, but is entitled to an extension through the end of the term.

Original MGIB-AD entitlement	36 months
Used MGIB-AD entitlement	<u>34 months</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement	02 months

Peter will receive 36 months of benefits, plus an extension through the end of the term of 2 months and 7 days. At the end of the term, he will have no remaining entitlement.



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

### Example

If Peter delays electing Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits until Spring 2010 and uses MGIB-AD for the Fall 2009 term, he will still receive 38 months and 7 days of benefits through the end of the Fall term, but he **will** have remaining entitlement.

Previously used MGIB-AD entitlement	34 months 00 days
Used MGIB-AD entitlement Fall 2009	<u>04 months 07 days</u>
Total MGIB-AD used w/ extension	38 months 07 days

When Peter applies for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits in Spring 2010, he is not eligible for MGIB-AD and is, therefore, not electing Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits in lieu of MGIB-AD benefits. As such, he is entitled to 48 months of combined benefits.

Maximum combined benefits	48 months 00 days
Total MGIB-AD entitlement used	<u>38 months 07 days</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill	09 months 23 days



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

- An individual who relinquishes eligibility under MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, or REAP may receive benefits for approved programs not offered by IHLs (i.e. flight, correspondence, Apprenticeship/On-the-Job Training, preparatory courses, and national tests)
- Individuals will be paid as if they are still receiving benefits under the relinquished benefit, however, their entitlement will be charged under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- The monthly housing allowance and the books and supplies stipend are not payable



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

### Example

Melissa Morgan served in the Army from May 1, 2002, to April 30, 2005. Based on her service, she is eligible for both the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the MGIB-AD.

She is using her benefits for the first time in Fall 2009 to enroll in a Computer Programming degree program at Decatur Greater Community College. In addition to the requirements for her degree program, Melissa plans to take certification tests in CISCO and A++.

What should she consider when deciding whether or not to elect the Post-9/11 GI Bill?



# Elections

## Eligibility for Other VA Benefits

### Example

Melissa is eligible for the 3-year rate under the MGIB-AD and the maximum benefit level under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Although she will receive 100% payment of her tuition and fees, since she is enrolled at a community college, that amount may be less than the \$1,321 per month she would receive under the MGIB-AD.

She should calculate the cost of her tuition and fees, the applicable housing allowance and the total amount of her books and supplies stipend and compare it to the total she would receive under the MGIB-AD.

Since Melissa initially plans to take more than one certification test, she should also consider that she can only receive payment for one test under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



# Elections

## Benefit Level

- Individuals eligible at the maximum benefit level may receive 100% of the benefits payable
- All others receive a percentage based on their length of service
- An individual enrolled at a public institution will be responsible for the difference between actual charges and the percentage of benefits due based on their length of service





# Elections

## Benefit Level

### Example

Let's remember Peter Piper who served on active duty from July 15, 1999, to July 14, 2002. Based on this service, he will receive \$1,321 per month for full time training under the MGIB-AD.

His active duty service from September 11, 2001, to July 15, 2002, also establishes his eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 50% benefit level.

He plans to enroll full-time at a community college in Georgia for the Fall 2009 term from August 15, 2009, through December 22, 2009, and is considering electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



# Elections

## Benefit Level

### Example

What is the difference in benefits he is eligible to receive under both programs?

- If Peter elects the Post-9/11 GI Bill, he will receive 50% of his tuition and fee charges, housing allowance and books and supplies stipend based on his benefit level
- If he continues using MGIB-AD benefits, he will receive \$1,321 per month



# Elections

## Benefit Level

### Example

- The highest in-state tuition for Georgia is \$203 per credit hour
- The maximum fees per term for Georgia is \$15,401
- The housing allowance based on the school's zip code is \$1,208
- The Fall term is from August 15, 2009 – December 22, 2009

Peter was certified as follows:

<u># Credit hours</u>	<u>Tuition Charged</u>	<u>Fees charged</u>
12 credit hours	\$1,200	\$400

The charged tuition is \$100 per credit hour, which is less than the in-state maximum. The charged fees are also less than the in-state maximum. Peter is entitled to the applicable percentage of his total charges.



# Elections

## Benefit Level

### Example

#### Post-9/11 GI Bill Payment

Tuition and fees	50% X (\$1,200 + 400)	\$800.00
Housing allowance	50% X (\$1,208 /30) X 127	\$2,556.93
Books and supplies	50% X (12 X \$41.67)	<u>\$250.02</u>
		\$3,606.95

MGIB-AD Payment                                    (\$1,321/30) X 127                                    \$5,592.23

Peter will receive more money for his enrollment if he continues to use his MGIB-AD benefits.



# Elections

## Rate of Pursuit

- Rate of pursuit applies specifically to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and is similar to training time in other benefit programs
- It is calculated by dividing the number of credit hours (or equivalent) being pursued by the number of credit hours (or equivalent) that is considered to be full-time at the specific institution
- The resulting percentage is the individual's rate of pursuit



# Elections

## Rate of Pursuit

- Individuals training at a rate of pursuit of **more than** 50% are entitled to:
  - The applicable percentage of tuition and fees
  - Monthly housing allowance
  - Books and supplies stipend
- Individuals training at a rate of pursuit of 50% or less (essentially  $\frac{1}{2}$  time or less) are not entitled to the monthly housing allowance



# Elections

## Rate of Pursuit

### Example

Let's consider Paul Simon, whose benefit level is 50%, however, he is only enrolled for 6 credit hours.

- The highest in-state tuition for Georgia is \$203 per credit hour
- The maximum fees per term for Georgia is \$15,401
- 12 credit hours is considered full-time
- The Fall term is from August 15, 2009 – December 22, 2009

Paul was certified as follows:

<u># Credit hours</u>	<u>Tuition Charged</u>	<u>Fees charged</u>
6 credit hours	\$1,800	\$500

How will Paul's payment be calculated?



# Elections

## Rate of Pursuit

### Example

#### Post-9/11 GI Bill Payment

Tuition	50% X (\$203 X 6)	\$609
Fees	50% X \$500	\$250
Books and supplies	50% X (6 X \$41.67)	<u>\$125.01</u>
		\$984.01

MGIB-AD Payment                       $(\$660.50/30) \times 127$                       \$2,796.12

Since Paul's rate of pursuit is 50%, he is not entitled to the monthly housing allowance. Paul's total charged tuition and fees are \$2,300, however, he is only due \$984.01 under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

If he does not elect the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the amount he will receive under the MGIB-AD benefits will cover the cost of his tuition and fees.





# Elections

## Other Financial Assistance

- Many states offer financial assistance to veterans enrolled at public institutions. This assistance varies by state and may include a full waiver of tuition and fees.
- Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition and fee payments are calculated based on an eligible individual's **charged** tuition and fees.
  - If the waiver results in no tuition and fee charges, VA cannot authorize a tuition and fee payment.
  - Individuals will still receive the monthly housing allowance and the books and supplies stipend, if they are otherwise eligible.
  - If tuition and fees are charged, but subsequently waived, VA can authorize a tuition and fee payment. The resulting funds can be released if not prohibited by state regulations.



# Entitlement

The Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement provisions are similar to those under other education benefit programs:

- Individuals may receive up to 36 months of benefits
- If an individual's entitlement exhausts during a term, benefits may be extended until the end of the term
- Individuals eligible for more than one program administered by VA are limited to 48 months of combined benefits



# Entitlement

## Exception

- Individuals transferring to the Post-9/11 GI Bill from the MGIB-AD will be limited to the amount of their remaining MGIB-AD entitlement
- This provision applies when an individual:
  - Is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and MGIB-AD on August 1, 2009; and
  - Elects to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits *in lieu of* MGIB-AD benefits

NOTE: This provision does not prevent an individual who is eligible for multiple benefits from receiving a maximum of 48 months of combined benefits



# Entitlement

## Example

Davey T. Jones used 28 months of benefits under the MGIB-SR. He establishes eligibility for the Post-9/11 Bill.

He may receive benefits for up to 48 months of VA benefits. Therefore, he is entitled to 20 months of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Maximum combined entitlement	48 months
Used MGIB-SR	<u>28 months</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement	20 months



# Entitlement

## Example

James Taylor previously established eligibility for the MGIB-AD and used 10 of 36 months of benefits. He establishes eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The law limits him to the amount of his remaining MGIB-AD benefits. Therefore, he is entitled to 26 months of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Original MGIB-AD entitlement	36 months
Used MGIB-AD entitlement	<u>10 months</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement	26 months



# Entitlement

## Example

Robert Redford established eligibility for the MGIB-AD and used 14 of 36 months of benefits. While in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), he was called to active duty and established eligibility for REAP.

On August 1, 2009, he is eligible for MGIB-AD and REAP. If he elects to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, ***in lieu of*** another benefit. His entitlement will be determined based on his election.



# Entitlement

## Example

If Robert elects the Post-9/11 Bill in lieu of MGIB-AD, his Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement will be limited to his remaining MGIB-AD entitlement.

Original MGIB-AD entitlement	36 months
Used MGIB-AD entitlement	<u>14 months</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill	22 months

Although his Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement is limited to his remaining MGIB-AD entitlement, he will also remain eligible for REAP. He may use up to 12 months of benefits under REAP, thereby authorizing him a maximum of 48 months of combined benefits.

If Robert elects the Post-9/11 Bill in lieu of REAP, he is entitled to up to 34 months of Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement.

Maximum combined benefits	48 months
Used REAP entitlement	<u>14 months</u>
Available Post-9/11 GI Bill	34 months



# Benefits

- Tuition and Fees
- Yellow Ribbon Program
- Monthly Housing Allowance
- Books and Supplies Stipend
- Rural Benefit
- College Fund “Kickers” and Buy-up
- Licensing and Certification Tests
- Other Benefits





# Tuition and Fees

- Individuals on active duty are eligible for the lesser of:
  - Tuition and fees charged; or
  - The amount of charges that exceed the amount paid by the military's federal tuition assistance
- Individuals not on active duty are eligible for the applicable percentage (based on aggregate active duty service) of the lesser of:
  - Tuition and fees charged; or
  - Highest amount of tuition and fees charged for in-State undergraduate training at a public institution of higher learning in the state the student is enrolled



# Tuition and Fees

Fees are defined as mandatory charges (other than tuition, room, and board) that are applied by the institution of higher learning for pursuit of an approved program of education and include, but are not limited to:

- Health premiums
- Freshman fees
- Graduation fees
- Lab fees

Does not include study abroad course(s) **unless** the course(s) is a mandatory requirement for completion of the approved program of education



# Tuition and Fees

- Tuition and fee payments will be issued to the school on behalf of each student via Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT)
- If EFT information is unavailable, payments will be sent to the school mailing address on file in VA's Web-Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS)
- Payments will include student identification information and the semester, quarter or term the payment is covering



# Yellow Ribbon Program

- Institutions within the U.S. may voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition and fee costs that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees
- Provides additional funding for:
  - Training at private institutions
  - Graduate training
  - Out-of-state tuition
- Only individuals entitled to the 100% benefit rate may receive this funding



# Yellow Ribbon Program

- VA will match each additional dollar that an institution contributes, up to 50% of the difference between the student's tuition and fee benefit and the total cost of tuition and fees
- The combined amounts may not exceed the full cost of the school's established charges
- Yellow Ribbon Program payments will be issued to the school on behalf of each student via EFT (or postal mail)
- Payments will include student identification information and the semester, quarter or term the payment is covering



# Yellow Ribbon Program

VA began soliciting for submission of VA Form 22-0839, Yellow Ribbon Program Agreements in early April. Participating Yellow Ribbon institutions agree to:

- Provide contributions to eligible individuals on a first-come, first-served basis for the current academic year, and all subsequent years if:
  - The institution continues to participate
  - The student maintains satisfactory progress
- Specify the manner in which funds will be contributed – either by:
  - Direct grant
  - Scholarship
  - Other



# Yellow Ribbon Program

Institutions may specify the number of participants (in section 7 of the Yellow Ribbon Program agreement) by category as follows:

- Student
- Training level
- College or professional school

7. The IHL agrees to provide Yellow Ribbon Program contributions for each participant during the academic year up to the following amounts (as specified in one of the following subparagraphs):

- a. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each student; *or*
- b. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each undergraduate student,  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each graduate student, and  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each doctoral student; *or*
- c. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each student enrolled in the following college or professional school \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Attach additional listings if necessary)



# Yellow Ribbon Program

- A preliminary list of Yellow Ribbon Program participating institutions is available on the GI Bill website
- Participating institutions should review information on website to verify information reported on their Yellow Ribbon Program
- The final deadline for Yellow Ribbon Program agreements for the 2009/2010 academic year is June 15, 2009





# Yellow Ribbon Program

## Example

Ray Charles is eligible at the 100% benefit level and is enrolled for 15 credit hours.

- The highest in-state tuition for Georgia is \$203 per credit hour
- The maximum fees per term for Georgia is \$15,401

Ray was certified as follows:

<u># Credit hours</u>	<u>Tuition Charged</u>	<u>Fees charged</u>
15 credit hours	\$6,000	\$500

The charged tuition is \$400 per credit hour, which is more than the state maximum, however, the fees are less than the state maximum.

Ray is enrolled at a Yellow Ribbon participating institution. How will his payment, including Yellow Ribbon, be calculated?



# Yellow Ribbon Program

## Example

Post-9/11 GI Bill Payment

Tuition	\$203 X 15	\$3,045
Fees	\$500	<u>\$500</u>
		\$3,545

Ray's total unmet charges are \$2,955 (\$6,500 - \$3,545)

Ray is attending a Yellow Ribbon participating institution that agreed to contribute up to \$2,500 per student annually. The institution should certify the maximum amount of Yellow Ribbon contributions that they are willing to pay for the certified enrollment period. VA will pay the lesser of the amount certified by the school or \$1,477.50

NOTE: Ray is also entitled to the monthly housing allowance and the books and supplies stipend, however, they are not used to calculate the Yellow Ribbon payment.



# Yellow Ribbon Program

## Implementation Timeline

December 2008 – Sent Yellow Ribbon Program informational letter to IHLs

January 2009 – Sent Yellow Ribbon Program interest letter and survey to IHLs

March 2009 – Received more than 1,000 surveys from interested IHLs

April 2009 – Begin soliciting for Yellow Ribbon Program Agreements

June 1, 2009 – Post Yellow Ribbon participating institutions on GI Bill website

June 15, 2009 – Deadline for submitting Yellow Ribbon Program Agreements

July 6, 2009 – VA plans to begin accepting enrollment certifications with Yellow Ribbon Program information



# Monthly Housing Allowance

- Equivalent to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents
- Amount determined by zip code of the IHL where the student is enrolled

<http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>

- Prorated based on individual's benefit level (40% to 100%)
- Payments issued directly to the student on a monthly basis



# Monthly Housing Allowance

Individuals **are not** eligible for the monthly housing allowance if they are:

- On active duty
- Training at ½ time or less
- Pursuing training solely by distance learning



# Books and Supplies Stipend

Up to \$1,000 per academic year calculated as follows:

- \$41.67 per credit hour for up to 24 credit hours
- Prorated based on the percentage of the maximum benefit payable
- Payments issued directly to the student in a lump sum for each quarter, semester or term
- Active duty members are not eligible



# Rural Benefit

- One-time payment of \$500 for individuals who reside in a county with six persons or fewer per square mile
  - Physically relocates at least 500 miles, or
  - Travels by air to attend school if land-based transportation is not possible due to lack of road or other infrastructure
- Payments issued directly to the student in a lump sum



## College Fund “Kickers” and Buy-up

### MGIB-AD and MGIB-SR kickers

- Individuals eligible for a kicker under another benefit may receive the kicker under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Monthly kicker amount will be prorated based on the individual’s rate of pursuit
- Payment issued in a lump sum directly to the student





## College Fund “Kickers” and Buy-up

- Post-9/11 GI Bill kickers
  - Only payable if individual is entitled to a monthly housing allowance
  - Payment will be issued directly to the student with the monthly housing allowance
- \$600 Buy-up is not payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill



## Licensing and Certification Tests

- Eligible individuals may be reimbursed for **one** licensing or certification test
- Test must be approved for VA benefits
- Test must be taken on or after August 1, 2009
- Reimbursement may not exceed \$2,000



# Other Benefits and Payments

- Interval Payments
  - Payment of the monthly housing allowance may be authorized during intervals
- Work-study
  - Individuals training at a rate of pursuit of at least 75% may receive work-study
- Tutorial Assistance
  - Individual's training at a rate of pursuit of at least 50% may receive tutorial assistance
  - Amount payable cannot exceed \$100 per month
  - Total amount payable cannot exceed \$1,200



# Other Benefits and Payments

## Chapter 30 Contribution Refunds

- Individuals who relinquish MGIB-AD benefits to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits may be entitled to a proportional amount of the basic \$1200 contribution if they exhaust their entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Payment will be included with the last monthly housing allowance payment when Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement exhausts
- A refund of the \$600 additional contribution is not authorized



# Transfer of Entitlement

- An individual eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on his/her own active duty service may transfer up to 36 months of entitlement to a dependent(s)
- The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may authorize transfer of benefits and restrict the number of months transferred
- Individuals in PHS/NOAA are not eligible to transfer benefits



# Transfer of Entitlement

- To be eligible to transfer entitlement an individual must:
  - Be in the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009
  - Have completed 6 years in the Armed Forces
  - Agree to serve 4 more years in the Armed Forces
- Final regulations regarding TOE have not yet been published
- A transferor may revoke or modify the number of months of transferred benefits at any time during his or her eligibility period
- Benefits may not be transferred to a new dependent once the transferor is no longer a member of Armed Forces



# Transfer of Entitlement

Spouses may—

- Use benefits after transferor completes 6 years in Armed Forces
- Continue to use benefits if divorced unless the transferor revokes transfer
- Use benefits up to transferor's 15-year eligibility period expires unless the transferor specifies an earlier ending date
- Receive benefits in the same manner and at the same rate as the transferor



# Transfer of Entitlement

Children may—

- Use benefits after transferor completes 10 years in Armed Forces if they:
  - Are at least 18 years old; or
  - Have completed requirements of secondary school
- Use benefits until 26<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Continue to use benefits after marriage unless the transferor revokes transfer
- Receive benefits at the rate of a veteran even if the transferor is on active duty





# Reporting Procedures

Modifications to the paper enrollment certification (VA Form 22-1999) and VA-Once will allow schools to report additional information for the Post-9/11 GI Bill

- Distance Learning Credit Hours
- Tuition Charged
- Fees Charged
- Maximum amount of Yellow Ribbon Program contributions the school is willing to pay for the term, quarter, or semester
  - VA will pay the lesser of:
    - The amount of Yellow Ribbon certified
    - 50% of the individual's unmet tuition and fee charges

Schools should also report the full-time measurement for all graduate level training in the "Remarks" section



# Reporting Procedures

Department of Veterans Affairs Side A

## VA ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION

**IMPORTANT:** Side A is for Institutions of Higher Learning or schools offering non-degree training.

1. NAME OF STUDENT (First, Middle, Last) 2. VA FILE NO. (For chapter 35, include suffix. For transferability cases, enter the veteran's social security number)

3. CURRENT ADDRESS OF STUDENT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF STUDENT (if not entered in item 2)

5. TYPE OF TRAINING

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE DEGREE     FARM COOPERATIVE  
 GRADUATE OR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL     HIGH SCHOOL  
 NON-COLLEGE DEGREE     COOPERATIVE (Not Farm)  
 GUEST STUDENT (Supplemental School) (Complete Item 5C)

6A. NAME OF PROGRAM

6B. IS STUDENT MATRICULATED AT YOUR FACILITY? (For VA purposes, a student is matriculated when formally admitted as a degree seeking student)  
 YES     NO

6C. IS PARENT SCHOOL LETTER ON FILE?  
 YES     NO

7. YELLOW RIBBON RECIPIENT  
 YES     NO

### ENROLLMENT DATA

8. ENROLLMENT EFFECTIVE DATES (Month, Day, Year)		9. COURSES TAKEN			10. CLOCK HOURS PER WEEK	11. CHARGES FOR PERIODS OF INSTRUCTION	12. YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM	13. TRAINING TIME (Graduate or Advanced Professional Program)
		CREDIT HOUR COURSE(S)		NON-CREDIT				
A. BEGIN	B. END	TAKEN IN-RESIDENCE	TAKEN BY DISTANCE LEARNING	REMEDIAL/DEFICIENCY/REFRESHER	HOURS	A. TUITION	B. FEES	AMOUNT
		A. HOURS	B. HOURS	C. HOURS				

14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS APPROVED ON A UNIT BASIS (Enter the number of high school units for which the student is enrolled)  YES     NO

15. FARM CO-OP COURSES ONLY (Is student pursuing course concurrently with rural employment averaging at least 40 hours per week?)  YES     NO

**ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUEST - (Note: Advance payment is not accelerated payment.) (See Special Instructions.)**

I REQUEST AN ADVANCE PAYMENT 15A. SIGNATURE OF STUDENT    15B. DATE SIGNED

**ACCELERATED PAYMENT REQUEST (Chapters 30, 1606, and 1607)**  
 (Note: Accelerated payment is not advance payment.) (See Special Instructions.)  
 I am requesting an accelerated payment under either chapter 30, 1606, or 1607, if I am requesting payment under chapter 30, I certify I intend to seek employment in one of the following industries: Biotechnology, Life Science Technologies, Opto-electronics, Computers and Telecommunications, Electronics, Computer-integrated Manufacturing, Material Design, Aerospace, Weapons, or Nuclear Technology.

I REQUEST AN ACCELERATED PAYMENT (All Chapters) 16A. SIGNATURE OF STUDENT    16B. DATE SIGNED

17. REMARKS 17. REMARKS

**NOTE - Complete Item 18 only if courses are taken at a branch or extension of a school as defined in 38 CFR 21.4266(c). Do not complete item 18 if courses are taken at a branch or extension of a school as defined in 38 CFR 21.4266(c).**

18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACT SCHOOL OR BRANCH LOCATION

**CERTIFICATIONS - The provisions described in paragraphs (1) through (14) on the attached sheet are certified.**

19A. FACILITY CODE    19B. SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS

19C. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL    19D. SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL    19E. DATE SIGNED

VA FORM 22-1999 MAR 2009    SUPERSEDES VA FORM 22-1999, DEC 2007, WHICH WILL NOT BE USED.    VA COPY 1

Indicate YRP recipient

Tuition and Fees listed separately

YRP Contribution Amount

Annotate FT Graduate hours here, if applicable



# Reporting Procedures

VA-ONCE Certs - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Cert Complete Submit

Name: DOWDY, HOWDY  
SSN: 587-85-7890  
File Payee: 587-85-7890.00

Program: AS RM  
Chapter: 30  
Training Type: Undergraduate

Term Name	Status	Facility Code	Begin Date Range	End Date Range	Filter
4 WIN 09			01/01/2009 03/01/2009	10	
4 FALL 05			08/15/2005 12/15/2005	0	
4 SPRING 05			01/15/2005 05/15/2005	5	
4 SPRING 05			01/15/2005 05/15/2005	0	

**Edit Enrollment**

Facility: 22222222 Trng Type: IHL\_UNDERGRAD Prgrm: AS RM Prior Credit: 2

Term Name: FALL 09 Begin Date\*: 08/10/2009 End Date\*: 12/15/2009 Credit: 12 Dist\*: R/D: Clock: Tuition\*: Fees\*: 12000.00 150.00

Advance Pay  Accelerated Pay (high-tech courses only)

LDA/EFF Date

Remarks

1) In the Edit Enrollment area, a Distance Hours field has been added, "Dist". This will be disabled for non-33 recipients. The "Tuition and Fees" field has been split into 2 separate fields, "Tuition" and "Fees".

Asterisks now denote required fields.

**Edit Enrollment** Save Cancel

Facility: 22222222 Trng Type: IHL\_UNDERGRAD Prgrm: AS RM Prior Credit: 2

FALL 09 ▶ 08/10/2009 12/15/2009 12 Dist\* R/D Clock Tuition\* Fees\* 12000.00 150.00

Term Name Begin Date\* End Date\* Credit Dist\* R/D Clock Tuition\* Fees\*

Advance Pay  Accelerated Pay (high-tech courses only)

LDA/EFF Date

Remarks

Annotate FT Graduate hours here, if applicable



# Reporting Procedures

**Student School Detail** Print

**Select Student**

Search by

Status and  Facility Code and  Training Type and  Program and  PT Evaluated

to

Date Range or  Days until  Cert End or

Showing 1-100 of 1025 records

Sl No	SSN	File #	Pay #	Last Name	Home	Chapt	Program	Last Cert	Facility Code
1									
2			00			30	INTLBUS	12/3/2007 10:55 AM	11950110
5M			00			30	MTH	10/14/2005 2:19 PM	11950110
4X			00			33	ANTHRO	12/10/2004 10:48 AM	11950110
5A			00			30	CHM	4/28/2009 9:19 AM	11950110
5M			00			1606	NUR	9/4/2008 10:15 AM	11950110
4X			00			33	NUR	2/13/2006 1:31 PM	11950110
								4/28/2009 9:28 AM	11950110

1) Chapter “33” and “33Yellow” have been added to the drop down menus for benefit type. “33Yellow” should only be used if your school is participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program, and the student is a Yellow Ribbon Participant.

**Bio Data** Save Cancel Print Student

Name: BLACK, IVORY S Program: MUS  
 SSN: 591-09-9501 Chapter: 33  
 File/Payer: 591-09-9501/00 Training Type: Undergraduate

**Bio** **Certs** **VA Data** **Log** **History**

Solution: IVORY S

First Name\*  Middle Name  Last Name\*  Suffix

Address\*  Location

City\*  State\*

Zip\*  Zip Suffix

Phone  Extension

E-mail

Alternate E-mail

Notes

SSN\*  Student ID

File Number\*  Payee#

Training Type\*

School Short Name  Facility Code

Program\*

Prior Training Credit\*

Guest Student  Active Duty

Primary School -- Name  -- State



# Reporting Procedures

**Edit Enrollment** Save Cancel

Facility: 22222222      Trng Type: IHL\_UNDERGRAD      Prgrm: BS FS      Prior Credit: **2**

FALL 09	8/10/2009	12/15/2009	12	0			12000.00	175.00
Term Name	Begin Date*	End Date*	Credit	Dist*	R/D	Clock	Tuition*	Fees*

Advance Pay       Accelerated Pay (high-tech courses only)

    

LDA/EFF Date Yellow Ribbon\*

If the student is a Yellow Ribbon Participant (33Yellow), the Yellow Ribbon field will be displayed in the Edit Enrollment area and will be required. The amount entered must be greater than zero.



# Reporting Procedures

VA-ONCE MULTI TERM - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Complete All

Multiple Terms Save Cancel

Term Name	Begin Date*	End Date*	Credit	Distance*	R/D	Clock	Tuition*	Fees*	Yellow Ribbon*
FALL 09	8/10/2009	12/15/2009	3	3			6000.00	175.00	500.00
MINI 1 09	08/10/2009	10/16/2009			2		2000.00	50.00	160.00
MINI 2 09	10/19/2009	12/15/2009			2		2000.00	50.00	160.00

Advance Pay     Accelerated Pay (high-tech courses only)

The multiple term enrollment box will also be modified to incorporate the new fields. The Yellow Ribbon field will only appear if you have selected 33Yellow as the benefit type.



# Reporting Procedures

- Modifications to VA Form 22-1999, VA-Once, and other software applications are planned to be available on July 6, 2009
- Schools may begin certifying enrollments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill on July 6, 2009
- Enrollment certifications received before that date cannot be processed; schools will receive a letter notifying them to submit an amended certification on or after July 6, 2009 using the updated system (VA-Once) or using the revised form



# Eligibility Processing

- VA began accepting applications for Certificates of Eligibility beginning May 1, 2009
  - Veterans and servicemembers enrolling in Fall 2009
  - VA will announce when applications for TOE will be accepted pending final DOD regulations
- Certificates of Eligibility
  - Benefit level based on length of service, including Yellow Ribbon for individuals at the maximum benefit level
  - 15-year eligibility date for individuals not on active duty
  - Number of months of entitlement
  - Program approval, if applicable





# Next Steps

- VA plans to begin accepting Fall 2009 enrollment certifications beginning July 6, 2009
  - Advance payment will not be available
  - Enrollment processing will begin in July 2009, however, payments **cannot** be released before August 1, 2009
- VA will begin issuing payment transactions to the Department of Treasury on August 1, 2009 for:
  - Tuition and fees
  - Yellow Ribbon, if applicable
  - Books and supplies stipend
  - College fund “kickers”
- Payments for the monthly housing allowance will be issued beginning September 1, 2009



# Questions

