

# *Air Force Personnel Center*

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## **Post-9/11 GI Bill Education Services Briefing**

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# Post-9/11 GI Bill

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- **Eligibility**
- **Benefit payments**
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# Post-9/11 GI Bill Eligibility

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- **All Airmen with Honorable active service since 11 Sep 01 are eligible**
- **Begins 90 days after completing:**
  - **Tech school, ROTC / Service Academy commitment, or loan repayment**
  - **30 days service if separated for disability**
- **36 months benefit to be used within 15 years of leaving active duty**
- **Benefit level is based on aggregate service**
- **Apply at the DVA website to claim benefit**



# Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits

Service Requirements (after 9/10/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of)	Payment Tiers Percentage
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 06 months, but less than 12 months	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40



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- Pays for programs available at a college or university
- **Veteran's Benefit**
  - Tuition & Fees paid directly to school
  - Maximum payment based on highest undergraduate tuition & fees at a public college within the State
  - Monthly housing stipend—E-5 w/ dependents BAH
    - Based on school zip code
    - Not paid for distance learning programs or attendance of half time or less
  - An annual \$1000 books & supplies stipend
    - Prorated by percentage of benefit and course load



# Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits

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## ■ **Active Duty Benefit**

- Program tuition & fees paid directly to school
- Top Up
- No housing or book stipends

## ■ **Other Benefits**

- Tutorial assistance -- \$1200 maximum
- One license or certification exam -- \$2000 maximum
- Rural benefit if living in certain low population area and must travel to school -- \$500 one-time payment
- Yellow Ribbon – Schools and VA may offset remaining tuition/fees for veterans having 100% benefit



# Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer to Dependents

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- Available 1 Aug 09
- Eligibility
  - Qualify for Post-9/11 benefit
  - Be on active duty on or after 1 Aug 09
  - Convert from Montgomery GI Bill
  - Complete six years of service & incur four-year commitment—with exceptions for retirement
  - Spouse / Children are registered in DEERS
- Apply using DoD's Transfer Education Benefits (TEB) website. **Sending an application to the VA does not transfer benefits**



# Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer to Dependents

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## ■ Airmen

- Having an *approved retirement date* 2 Aug 09 through 30 Jun 10 have no additional service requirement
- **Eligible to retire (completed 20 years of service)**
  - On or before 1 Aug 09 will incur no add'l service
  - 2 Aug 09 - 31 Jul 10 will incur 1 add'l year
  - 1 Aug 10 - 31 Jul 11 will incur 2 add'l years
  - 1 Aug 11 - 31 Jul 12 will incur 3 add'l years
  - 1 Aug 12 and thereafter 4 additional years
- Additional service begins at time of application



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- **Spouse's Benefit**
  - Same as Airman's status whether active duty or veteran
  - Benefit can be used once the Airman reached 6 years and elects to transfer the benefits
  - Expires 15 years after Airman leaves the Service
- **Children's Benefit**
  - As a veteran regardless of Airman's status
  - Benefit can be used once Airman serves 10 years
  - Begins at age 18 (or received H.S diploma/equivalent) & expires at age 26



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- **Transfer Issues**
  - **Child under age 23 at time of transfer**
  - **Airman**
    - **Determines transferees, number of benefit months for each, and time frame of usage**
    - **Can adjust or revoke transfer actions at anytime**
    - **Must be on active duty to add a dependent**
  - **Benefit continues if Airman dies**
  - **Transferee applies to VA before entering school**
  - **Stipends are paid to transferee**



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- **Transferred benefit is lost if:**
  - **Airman does not complete entire commitment**
  - **Airman receives less than honorable separation**
- **Sponsor/transferee are both financially liable if:**
  - **Student fails or drops courses**
  - **Airman does not complete entire commitment**



# Post-9/11 GI Bill and the MGIB

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- **Airmen having remaining MGIB benefits may elect to participate in the Post-9/11 GI Bill and have benefits under both**
  - **Post-9/11 benefits will apply to college or university programs**
  - **MGIB benefits will apply for non-Post-9/11 programs—apprenticeship / OJT, flight training, testing, correspondence, and preparatory courses**
  - **Use all MGIB and have add'l year for Post-9/11 GI Bill**
  - **Refunds of MGIB contributions**
  - **Education Leave of Absence (ELA)**
- **Contact the Base Education Office**



# Post-9/11 GI Bill Resources

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- Base Education Center 884-6724
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs for info on all GI Bill programs <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
- TEB to transfer benefits  
<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>
- AFPC for transfer Q & A <http://ask.afpc.af.mil>
- BAH Rates at  
<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>
- [www.myhurlburt.com](http://www.myhurlburt.com)