



Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) - Chapter 1607

What Is REAP?

REAP (Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code) is a new education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard, who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress.

Who Is Eligible?

Eligibility will be determined by the Department of Defense (DoD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as appropriate. Generally, a member of a Reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10, U.S. Code, for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation, is eligible for REAP. There is no specific time frame to use REAP; however, your eligibility generally ends when you leave the Selected Reserves.

National Guard members are eligible if their active service extends for 90 consecutive days or more and their service is:

- authorized under section 502(f), title 32, U.S. Code,
- authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency, and
- supported by federal funds.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The educational assistance allowance payable under REAP is a percentage of the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (MGIB) rate based on the number of continuous days served on active duty. Persons released before 90 days due to an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty receive the 40% rate. Current rates of payment can be found on our Internet web site or by calling the toll-free number below.

- Members who serve 90 days but less than 1 year will receive 40% of the MGIB 3 year rate.
- Members who serve 1 year but less than 2 years will receive 60% of the MGIB 3 year rate.
- Members who serve 2 or more continuous years will receive 80% of the MGIB 3 year rate.

The amount VA pays is based on the type of training program and training time (i.e. full time, half time, etc). If attendance is less than a month or less than full-time, payments are reduced proportionately.

What Programs Are Available?

The following programs are available:

College or University Degree Programs	Flight Training
Vocational Programs	On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs
Independent Study or Distance Learning Programs	Entrepreneurship Courses
Correspondence Courses	

Note: VA does not approve schools or programs for benefits. Each individual state approves schools and courses. To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits under REAP, contact your school's VA Certifying Official, or call VA at the toll-free number below.

How Can You Apply?

Once you find a program approved for VA training, complete VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*, and send it to the VA regional office that serves the state where you will train. Indicate on the form you are applying for REAP. *You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.*

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Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty - Chapter 30

What Is the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty?

The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty, called "MGIB" for short, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- College, Business, Technical or Vocational school
- On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance in a job
- Tuition Assistance: "Top-Up"
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training (in some cases)
- National Tests

Note: VA does not approve schools or programs for benefits. Each individual state approves schools and courses. To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits under MGIB, contact your school's VA Certifying Official, or call VA at the toll-free number below.

Who Is Eligible?

If you are currently in service, you may be eligible after two years of active duty. Please consult with the Education Services Officer at your installation, or call the toll-free number below, for information about your eligibility.

If you are separated from service, you may be an eligible veteran if you:

- entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985;
- received a high school diploma or equivalent (or, in some cases, 12 hours of college credit) before the end of your first obligated period of service;
- received an honorable discharge;
- continuously served for 3 years, OR 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, OR 2 years if you have an obligation to serve four years in the Selected Reserve AND entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty.

Note: Different rules apply if you entered active duty before July 1, 1985, and in certain other cases. Call our toll-free number below for more information.

Are There Any Pitfalls?

You should be aware that the following pitfalls could cause you to lose all MGIB benefits:

General Discharge. You must have an honorable discharge to be eligible for education benefits. A "general" or "under honorable condition" makes you ineligible for education benefits.

Early Discharge. To be eligible with an early discharge, your separation reason must meet certain requirements. Call our toll-free number below (or if you are on active duty, check with your Education Services Officer) for more information.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DoD put extra money in your MGIB Fund (called "kickers"). Typically, you have ten years to use your MGIB benefits. The current full-time rate for those with three or more years of service and enrolled in an institutional program is \$1,075 per month.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*. You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

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Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) - Chapter 32

What Is VEAP?

The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) is an education benefit for veterans who paid into VEAP while they were in the service. Eligible veterans may be entitled to as much as 36 months of training. Eligibility usually ends 10 years after getting out of the service, but the time limit can be longer in certain cases. Eligible veterans may pursue any of the following types of training:

- College or University Programs
- Business, Technical or Vocational Training
- On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- National Tests
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training (in some cases)
- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance a job

Note: VA does not approve schools or programs for benefits. Each individual state approves schools and courses. To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits under VEAP, contact your school's VA Certifying Official, or call VA at the toll-free number below.

Who Is Eligible?

To establish eligibility to VEAP, you must have

- first entered active duty after December 31, 1976 and before July 1, 1985, **AND**
- contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987, **AND**
- completed your first period of service, **AND**
- been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Note: You may be eligible for education benefits if you are still on active duty, call the toll-free number below for details about your eligibility for VEAP or to find out if you may switch to the Montgomery GI Bill.

What Does VA Pay?

The total dollar amount of your benefits is the sum of:

- Your total contributions, **PLUS**
- Matching funds from VA equal to 2 times your contributions, **PLUS**
- Any DOD contributions or "kickers"

The monthly amount you'll receive is based on the total (above), the number of months you contributed, the type of training you are pursuing, and your training time (i.e. full-time, half-time, etc).

Note: Contributions may be refunded. Please call the toll-free number below for more information.

How Can You Apply?

When you find a program approved for VA training, you can apply for VEAP by completing VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*. You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

Related Benefits

Work-Study Program
Noncontributory VEAP (Sec. 903)

Tutorial Assistance
Refund of Contributions

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Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance – Chapter 35

What Is Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance?

Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance is an education benefit for eligible spouses and children of certain veterans. Eligible persons can receive up to 45 months of full-time or equivalent benefits for:

- College, Business, Technical or Vocational Courses, High School Diploma or GED, Independent Study or Distance Learning courses
- Correspondence Courses (Spouses Only), Apprenticeship/On-the-Job Training
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance in a job

Note: VA does not approve schools or programs for benefits. Each individual state approves schools and courses. To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits, contact your school's VA Certifying Official, or call VA at the toll-free number below.

Who Is Eligible?

To be an eligible for Survivors' & Dependents' Education Assistance you must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- a veteran who died, or is permanently and totally disabled, as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces.
- a veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence.
- a service member missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force.
- a service member forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.

How Long Is the Period During Which This Benefit May Be Used?

Spouses and surviving spouses have 10 years from the date VA establishes eligibility to use the benefit. Surviving spouses of veterans who died while on active duty have 20 years from the date of the veteran's death to use the benefit. (benefits can't be paid before December 10, 2004 for anyone whose 10 year period ended prior to that date).

Children may use the benefit while they are between the ages of 18 and 26.

Note: *These time limits can be extended under certain circumstances. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the web site shown below.*

How Much Does VA Pay?

The amount VA pays is based on the type of training program and training time (i.e. full-time, half-time, etc). Benefits are paid monthly and in arrears. For example effective October 1, 2006, VA pays \$860 a month for full-time training for a full month at a college or university. If attendance is less than a month or less than full-time, payments are reduced proportionately. Different payment rates can be found on our web site or by calling the toll-free number shown below.

How Can You Apply?

After finding a program approved for VA training, complete VA Form 22-5490, *Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance*, and submit it to the VA regional office that serves the state where you will train. You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

What Are Some Related Benefits?

Special Benefits for Children with Disabilities
Work-Study Employment

Educational Counseling Services
Tutorial Assistance

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What Is the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve?

The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve is an education program that provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserves, as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. It is the first program that doesn't require a person to serve on active duty in the regular Armed Forces to qualify.

An eligible reservist may get education benefits while in a program approved for VA training. For information about the types of training available, call the toll-free number listed at the bottom of the page.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be considered an eligible reservist or National Guard member if:

- after June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, AND
- you completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT), AND
- you got your High School Diploma or GED before you completed your IADT, AND
- you are in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit

If you stay in the Selected Reserves, benefits generally end 10 years from the date you became eligible for the program if you became eligible before October 1, 1992. Benefits generally end 14 years from the date you became eligible if you became eligible on or after October 1, 1992. Your period of eligibility may be extended, if you were unable to train because of a service-related disability. Typically, your eligibility ends when you leave the Selected Reserves.

One exception to this rule exists if you are mobilized (or recalled to active duty from your reserve status), in this case your eligibility may be extended for the amount of time you are mobilized PLUS four months. For example, if you are mobilized for 12 months your eligibility period is extended for 16 months (12 months active duty PLUS 4 months.) So even if you leave the reserves after mobilization, you may have additional eligibility to the MGIB-SR.

Note: If you are an officer in the Selected Reserve **OR** if you entered active duty from the Selected Reserve after November 29, 1989, call the toll-free number below for additional eligibility requirements.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training. If you are attending school, your payment is based on your training time (i.e. full time, half time, etc). The current full-time rate for college training is \$309 per month.

How Can You Apply?

Your unit will give you a *Notice of Basic Eligibility* (DD Form 2384 or 2384-1) when you become eligible for Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve. Once you find a program approved for VA training, complete VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*, and send it to the VA regional office that serves the state where you will train.

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