

# Veteran Services Office

## The Post 9/11 GI Bill

“THE GOOD,  
THE BAD <sup>A</sup><sub>N</sub><sup>B</sup>  
THE UGLY”



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## G.I. Bill Benefits

The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30), called "MGIB" for short, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- College
- Technical or Vocational Courses
- Correspondence Courses
- Apprenticeship/Job Training
- Flight Training
- High-tech Training
- Licensing & Certification Tests
- Entrepreneurship Training
- Certain Entrance Examinations



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## Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty

<b>Institutional Training Rates effective 1 October 2009</b>	
<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Monthly rate</b>
Full time	\$1,368.00
3/4 time	\$1,026.00
1/2 time	\$684.00
less than 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$684.00**
1/4 time or less	\$342.00 **

\*\* Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount.



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## The Good Post 9/11 G.I. Bill

The Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- Up to 100% of In-State Public College Undergraduate Tuition\*
- Must have been active duty for 36 months. \*
- Boot Camp and MOS school time not counted toward 36 month requirement.
- BAH for Reno/Carson City area is \$1208
- Must be enrolled at 51% or more to receive BAH \*
- Will pay up to undergraduate rate of tuition for graduate school \*
- Rate of Pursuit \*



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## Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Continued)

- Rate of Pursuit Is Calculated From:
  - Percentage of GI Bill qualified for
  - Length of semester or term
  - Number of credits enrolled
- You may keep your “kicker.” VA requires proof of “kicker.”
- \$600 Buy up not payable under Post 9/11 GI Bill.



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Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and 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



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### Benefit Comparison Chart

Type of Training	Post-9/11 GI Bill	Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB)	Montgomery GI Bill - Select Reserves	REAP
IHL in residence <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IHL online only & Distance/Internet Training	Yes <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
NCD <sup>5</sup>	See note <sup>5</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
OJT & Apprenticeship Training	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flight Training	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Correspondence	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Licensing & Certification	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Testing Programs	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Entrepreneurship Training	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Accelerated Payment	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Co-op Training	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Work-Study Program	No <sup>3</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuition Assistance Top Up	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tutorial Assistance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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- National Guard personnel called to active duty under Title 10 (a Federal Activation) are qualified for the New Post 9/11 GI Bill. Title 32 is a State Activation and does not qualify for Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) benefits. Post 9/11 is a Federal benefit not a State benefit.
- Tuition and fees are paid directly to the school through EFT or check. Payments will include student identification information and the semester that the payment is covering.
- As of 1 January 2009, the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for Reno/Carson City area is \$1208.00 per month during the period of time you are attending classes.
- BAH payments are based on the zip code of the school.
- BAH is supposed to increase annually on January 1.
- BAH is not payable if the student is: (1) on active duty, (2) enrolled at 1/2 time (50%) or less, and (3) enrolled exclusively in online classes.
- Student must be enrolled at 51% or greater to be able to receive BAH. An example for UNR is at least 7 semester credits. If you are 6 credits or lower, you will not be eligible to receive BAH.



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- Book allowance is \$1000.00 for the whole year. Or \$41.67 per credit hour up to 24 credit hours, and prorated based upon the percentage of the maximum benefit payable.
- MGIB-AD (Chapter 30) and MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606) kickers are payable and will be prorated based upon the student's rate of pursuit.
- The \$600 buy up is not payable under the Post 9/11 GI Bill and the money will not be refunded.
- Chapter 30 MGIB Contribution Refunds - Students who relinquish MGIB 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.
- Veterans who are eligible for more than one benefit may use a combined total of 48 months of entitlement. Students eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program, should be advised that if they have entitlement remaining under the MGIB, the number of months of Post - 9/11 GI Bill entitlement you will be eligible for will be equal to the number of months remaining under MGIB. Example: If the student has one day remaining under MGIB and then transfers to the Post 9/11 GI Bill, he or she will have only one day of benefit under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.



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- If the student exhausts all MGIB entitlement, they may then be entitled to a maximum of 12 additional months of entitlement under the Post - 9/11 GI Bill.
- USAC (studies abroad) classes are not eligible unless the course(s) are a mandatory requirement, (i.e., the requirement cannot be met in residence at the University), for completion of the approved program of study.
- If a student's benefits exhaust during a term, benefits may be extended until the end of the term.
- If a student has submitted the Form 22-1990 electing the new Post 9/11 GI Bill, and the VA has not yet processed the application, it can be revoked by sending a letter to the VA withdrawing that election. The student should keep a copy of that letter and a copy should be placed in the students VA file at the school.
- If the student has submitted an application (22-1990) and not filled in section 9F with a date of election, the VA will assume and choose August 1st for the veteran. The student has one year to contact the VA to change that date of election. If a student has entered a date in section 9F, the VA will process that application using that date of election. This becomes important when the student is changing from MGIB to the Post 9/11 GI Bill and is about to exhaust the MGIB benefits.



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- After the student has submitted the application for the Post - 9/11 GI Bill benefits they will receive a letter explaining VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program. Payments for the Post - 9/11 GI Bill will not be processed until after 1 August 2009.
- Some schools will not process a certification without the Certificate of Eligibility.
- If tuition and fees are charged, but subsequently waived or paid by financial aid, the VA can authorize a tuition and fee payment. The resulting funds can be released to the student if not prohibited by state regulations.
- If tuition is waived by the Nevada National Guard (NNG) fee waiver, the VA will only authorize the payment of fees that the student is required to pay and not covered by the NNG waiver.
- If the student had attended at least one day under the Post 9/11 GI Bill, the University is not required to repay the money and the VA will go to the student to recover the overpayment.
- The University may refund the money to the student during the 100% and 50% drop periods under the school refund policies.



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- Graduate student enrollment are calculated differently depending upon the Graduate School enrollment policies.
- The new Post - 9/11 GI Bill will only pay up to the highest **In-State Undergraduate** tuition and fees. What this is that if the student is not a resident of the State of Nevada, he/she will be paying out-of-state tuition portion and the VA will pay the regular fees charged to resident students. The out-of-state tuition costs are out-of-pocket expenses that the veteran will have to pay until the veteran establishes residency in the State of Nevada.
- If graduate tuition is higher, and it typically is, the VA will pay only up to the **In-State Undergraduate** tuition amount. The student will have to make up the difference out-of-pocket.



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## School Certification

### Role of School Certifying Official

- Evaluate and grant credit for previous education
- Certification process
  - Make sure classes meet requirements
  - Satisfactory progress toward degree
  - Submit certification to VA



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## Applying

- Application for Veterans Education Benefits
- Use the VA Form 22-1990
- Copy of your DD-214 (Verifying Document)
- Apply for the benefit online at the G.I. Bill Website:

[www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

- Paper Form 22-1990 is also available from [www.unr.edu/stsv/veteran/forms](http://www.unr.edu/stsv/veteran/forms)



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All information in this presentation was taken from and is available at

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