

# Veterans Education Benefits Regulations

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## **Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is an education benefit program for individuals who served at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001. To be eligible for 100 percent of the benefit, an individual should have served an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service or been discharged for a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service. Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date. Once individuals elect to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, they are no longer eligible to receive benefits under the program from which they elected the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Individuals should carefully consider their educational goals before applying and electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Service members whose last date of active duty is on or after January 1, 2013, do not have a delimiting date for their benefit. Service members who separated before January 1, 2013, have 15 years from their last active duty date to use their benefit.

**Important Note** - The \$600 Buy Up is not payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

## **Chapter 33: Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill - Benefits to Dependents (TEB/TOE)**

For the first time in history, service members enrolled in the Post-9/11 GI Bill Program can transfer unused education benefits to their spouses or children starting August 1, 2009. Department of Defense guidance, issued June 23, 2009, establishes the criteria for eligibility and transfer of those education benefits.

For details regarding eligibility for this transfer, go to [gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov). All applications will be submitted through the Transferability of Educational Benefits (TEB) website located at [milconnect.dndc.osd.mil](http://milconnect.dndc.osd.mil). 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
- An eligible servicemember may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits or the entire 36 months if the member hasn't used any months. A family member should be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting Systems (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.