Military Benefits
Post 9/11- Chapter 33 GI Bill Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING GI BILL BENEFITS:

CHAPTER 33 BENEFITS:
- Eligible participants must complete the VA 22-1990 form, which can be found at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).
- The VA will send tuition and fees directly to the school, not to the student.
- You must be registered for at least 7 credits to be eligible to receive your entitled monthly Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and take [12 credits](#) to receive 100% of your entitlement, which is prorated by the student’s rate of pursuit and is paid directly to the student.
  
  **For example a student eligible for 100% and is in training at a rate of pursuit of 75%, 9 credits, would receive 80% of the BAH rate (rounding to the nearest 10th).**
- A stipend of up to $1000 will be paid for books and school supplies annually paid directly to the student.
- Military personnel may be able to transfer their educational benefits to spouses or dependents or both if they served at least 6 years in the armed forces and have agreed to serve at least another 4 years – Spouses may use transferred benefits after 6 years of service; dependent children after 10 years. For more information on the specific eligibility/criteria for transferring benefits go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or [www.dmdc.osd.mil.teb](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil.teb)
- The period of eligibility for Chapter 33 is 15 years.

WHAT CHAPTER 33 WILL NOT COVER:
- Non ILH (Institute of Higher Learning) approved programs such as:
  - Flight School
  - Police Academy
  - On the job training
  - Apprenticeships
  - Distance Learning Students taking all On-Line classes receive a prorated BAH
  - BAH is not available for Active Duty service members (they already receive this)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
- Served at least 90 days on Active Duty service after September 10, 2001;
- Discharged from active duty;
- Released from active duty and placed on the retired list or temporary disability retired list;
- Released from active duty and transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve;
- Released from active duty for further service in a reserve component of the Armed Forces; or
- Discharged or released for a medical condition existing prior to service, hardship, or a condition interfering with duty.

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE CHARGES FOR MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOLS:
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm)

- $330/credit ~ Maximum charge per credit hour
- $17,787/fees ~ Maximum total fees per term
**Chapter 33 Tuition & Fee Payment: Active Duty Service**

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<th>Completed after September 10, 2001 (Cumulative for Reserve)</th>
<th>Percentage of Maximum Amount Payable</th>
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*Above information subject to change

**Active duty military** and anyone training at 1/2 time (7 credits) or less are not eligible for BAH.

**Distance Learning** or On-line students taking a combination of on-line and on-campus classes totaling more than 6 credits - would be entitled to their applicable BAH rate.

**Books and Supplies Stipend:**
Up to $1000 per year – prorated based on the percentage student qualifies for Book Stipend will be paid in one lump sum with the students’ first BAH check. Active Duty Members not eligible.

**Important Notice for Students who currently receive Chapter 30 benefits:**
- Students transferring to Chapter 33 from **Chapter 30** will be limited to the amount of remaining Chapter 30 entitlement. However if you exhaust ALL your MGIB/Chapter 30 entitlement, you may be entitled to a maximum of **12 additional months of entitlement under Chapter 33**

**Chapter 33 Election:**
A student who has met the requirements to establish eligibility under Chapter 33 and, as of August 2, 2009 is:
- Eligible for either Chapter 30, 1607(REAP), 1606
- A member of the Armed Forces and making the basic $1200 contribution toward Chapter 30
- A member of the Armed Forces who previously declined to elect Chapter 30

**Procedure to make an irrevocable election to use Chapter 33:**
2. All students wishing to make an irrevocable election to use Chapter 33 will submit VA form 22-1990. Include copies of DD214 and any enlistment contracts.
3. VA reviews application and issues Certificate of Eligibility (COE). COE will contain basic eligibility info, months of entitlement, period of eligibility and benefit level.

**Center for Excellence for Veteran Student Success**
- The School Certifying Officials cannot certify any student for Chapter 33 until the COE is provided.
• Notify CEVSS when you register for classes
• CEVSS ensures that the Certifying Official has the appropriate documentation (COE & DD 214) send the VA an Enrollment Certification for the school term.
• Once the VA processes the Enrollment Certification:
  • Tuition & fees will be issued to your school from the VA at prorated amount based on your benefit level.
  • Monthly housing allowance payments will be issued directly to student each month at prorated amount.
  • Books and supplies stipend will be issued directly to student at the prorated amount with first BAH payment.
  • College fund “kicker” benefits (if student qualifies) will be issued to student in addition to your housing allowance.

Miscellaneous Items:

Financial Aid:
• GI Bill benefits will not affect your eligibility for Financial Aid
• VA will pay based on the amount the student is charged prior to application of scholarships or grants
• Financial Aid overage should be refunded in accordance with the school policy
• Vocational Rehab – Chapter 31 – Students who qualify for Chapter 31, but opt to use Chapter 33 benefits will still be able to receive counseling
• Refund of Contributions – Students who opted to pay into the MGIB will have a proportional amount of their basic $1200 contribution refunded in the last monthly housing allowance payment when entitlement exhausts.

For more details and the most up to date info please check the VA website at www.gibill.va.gov. The website is updated almost daily with new information.