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Post 9/11 GI Bill Module Instructor Guide

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Good morning/afternoon, and welcome to the Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits Module. I would like to start by thanking you for your service!

My name is _____ and I am a consultant to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

I am here to brief you on Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits, also referred to as Chapter 33 Benefits .

My role is to help you and make sure that you learn what you need to know about Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits. I want you to feel comfortable with the information provided in today’s briefing and encourage you to ask questions. Because some of your questions might be personal in nature, my colleagues and I offer individual assistance sessions where we can discuss your specific concerns.

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Here are the objectives for this session:

- Discuss Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits.
- Briefly discuss other educational programs.
- Complete a Demonstration of the GI Bill Comparison Tool.
- Complete a Transfer of Entitlement walkthrough using milConnect.

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Objectives

- Discuss Post-9/11 GI® Bill Benefits
- Discuss other educational programs
- Demonstrate of the GI Bill Comparison Tool
- Use milConnect to walkthrough Transfer of Entitlement



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Let’s review our ground rules for today’s briefing:

- Respect other participants, including their opinions and values.
- Throughout the briefing, you may ask questions; however, please hold questions relating to personal circumstances for individual assistance sessions.
- Use computers/cell phones/mobile devices/only as directed

Note: Be sure to define the “parking lot” to participants.

Utilize the “Parking Lot” to place questions. Use post-it notes to write your questions down, which I will address at specified points during the briefing.

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Let’s discuss Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits.

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Post-9/11 GI Bill® Benefits

Transition Tools for a Brighter Future

VA Transition Assistance Program
Employment
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The Post 9/11 GI Bill covers the following types of education / training assistance:

- Correspondence training
- Cooperative training
- Entrepreneurship training
- Flight training
- Independent and distance learning
- Institutions of higher learning undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Study abroad programs
- Licensing and certification reimbursement
- Vocational/technical training, non-college degree programs
- National testing reimbursement
- On-the-job training
- Tuition Assistance top-up
- Tutorial assistance

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The Post-9/11 GI Bill®, also referred to as Chapter 33, is an education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty after September 10, 2001, and received an honorable discharge. The benefits that students receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® include tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance, and an annual stipend for books and supplies.

Eligibility requirements for the post 9/11 GI Bill® vary based on length of service, however, listed below are some basic requirements for eligibility to Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits

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Post-9/11 GI Bill® Training

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Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33)
www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

Benefits	
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable discharge • 90 days aggregate service after 9/10/2001 • Service-connected disability, 30 days active duty
Tuition and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and fees paid to school • Private and foreign schools cap
Yellow Ribbon Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on school's zip code • Based on enrollment • Paid to student • Distance learners 1/2 national average
Books and supplies	
Monthly Housing Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on school's zip code • Based on enrollment • Paid to student • Distance learners 1/2 national average

- A minimum length of service of 90 days, and
- An honorable discharge

Active Duty and Veteran

For those who served on Active Duty, the Post-9/11 GI Bill® provides financial support for education to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate, or total, active duty service after September 10, 2001 with an honorable discharge, or to individuals honorably discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days of service. Servicemembers and Veterans may receive education benefits for up to 36 months.

Generally, Veterans have 15 years from the date of last separation from active duty to use the benefit.

Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits cover tuition and fees at in-state public schools for Servicemembers, Veterans, and/or beneficiaries. Benefits are paid directly to the school on the student's behalf. For those attending private or foreign schools, tuition and fees are capped at the national maximum rate, which is \$20,235.02 per academic year, as of August 2014.

As of December 2015, per Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Choice Act"), programs of education at public colleges and universities may not be approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Montgomery GI Bill® benefits if they do not charge all recently released Veterans and their family-members in-state tuition and fees. If your school does not participate in this program by January 1, 2016, the VA will not approve your GI Bill benefit.

Yellow Ribbon Program

If you plan to attend a private school or a public school as a nonresident student, you

may be interested in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Institutions can choose to enter into an agreement with VA to share tuition and fee costs that exceed the in-state tuition charges at a public institution or the fee cap of \$21,084.89 at private institutions. The VA matches each additional dollar that an institution contributes, up to the total cost of tuition and fees. Only Veterans entitled to the 100 percent rate may receive this funding. Active duty Servicemembers and their spouses are not eligible for this program. Child transferees of active duty Servicemembers may be eligible if the Servicemember is qualified at the 100% rate. Check out the link on the GI Bill® website to see which schools participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Books and Supplies Stipend

The stipend for books and supplies gives you up to \$1,000 per academic year, paid proportionately based on enrollment (fulltime, part time, etc...). If you are enrolled in a non-college-degree, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training program, the benefit pays \$83 per month up to \$1,000 per year. Once the school verifies your enrollment, VA will process the payment and send it to you directly.

Monthly Housing Allowance

The Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is equivalent to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents based on the school's ZIP code. For those attending classes at a greater than half-time rate, the benefit is paid proportionately based on enrollment and is sent directly to the student.

Distance learners get half of the national BAH average, which is currently \$754.50.

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To be eligible for 100 percent of the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefit, an individual must have served an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service with an honorable discharge, or have been honorably discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service. For those who served fewer than 36 months, the percentage of benefit ranges from 40 percent to 90 percent.

For example, an individual with five months of qualifying service could receive 40 percent of the tuition benefit, 40 percent of the monthly housing allowance, and 40 percent of the books and supplies stipend.

See chart below for illustration of who the benefits work for a Servicemember with less than 36 months of aggregate service:

- 90% — 30 total months*
- 80% — 24 total months*
- 70% — 18 total months**
- 60% — 12 total months**
- 50% — 6 total months**
- 40% — 5 total months**

*Includes entry level and skill training

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Post-9/11 GI Bill®



Eligibility Chart for Servicemembers with less than 36 aggregate months of service

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National Guard and Reserve

For those who have served in the National Guard and Reserve, effective October 1, 2011, VA began paying benefits to members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard based on qualifying service under Title 32. Payments may be made retroactively for enrolling at an approved educational institution for attendance on or after August 1, 2009. The following service may be qualifying:

- Full-time service in the National Guard for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training
- Activations in support of a national emergency under Section 502(f) of Title 32.

If individuals affected by these changes were already using the Post-9/11 GI Bill® previously, they will be paid for any additional benefits they would have been entitled to because of a higher benefit level.

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Post-9/11 GI Bill® National Guard and Reserve Eligibility



- VA began paying benefits to qualifying members 10/1/2011
- Retroactive payments may be made for attendance on or after 8/1/2009
- Qualifying service may include
 - Full time service in National Guard
 - Organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training
 - Activations in support of a national emergency under Section 502(f) of Title 32



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Now let's discuss the Transfer of Entitlement benefit.

Transfer of Entitlement Benefit (TOE)

The Transfer of Entitlement benefit serves as a retention program for the Department of Defense (DoD), where Servicemembers may be able to transfer unused educational benefits to dependents.

Eligibility for TOE is as follows:

- Has at least six years of service in the Military Services (active duty or Selected Reserve), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, or Public Health Service on the date of approval, AND
- Agrees to serve four additional years from the date of election
- OR,
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Military Services (active duty or Selected Reserve), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps, or Public Health Service on the date of approval, is precluded by either

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Post-9/11 GI Bill® Transfer of Entitlement



Requirements	Service Commitment
Six years of service on the date of approval	Four additional years from the date of election
Ten or more years of service on the date of approval, is precluded by either standard policy (Service or DoD) or statute from committing to four additional years	Maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute

*Department of Defense Instruction Number 1341.13: Post-9/11 GI Bill®, Dated May 31, 2013, Enclosure 3, Page 8, 3 a.(1)-(3)



standard policy (Service or DoD) or statute from committing to four additional years, AND

- Agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute

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Now let's discuss family member eligibility to Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits.

Family Members' Eligibility:

Service members may transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to: (1) the Service member's spouse, (2) one or more of the Service member's children, or (3) any combination of the spouse and children. Children must be enrolled in DEERS to receive transferred benefits.

Your spouse can continue to use the benefit while you remain in the service. Active duty Service members and their spouses can continue to use the benefit up to 15 years after the Service members are last released (discharged or retired) from active duty.

Selected Reserve Service members and their spouses can continue to use their benefits up to 15 years after the Service members are released from their last active duty period of at least 90 consecutive days.

Once approved, your spouse can start to use the benefit immediately, provided that you have met the six years of Service requirement.

Once approved, children can start to use their education benefits after the transfer Begin Date (or date benefits were transferred), provided that you have met, or have been excused from, the requirement to serve a minimum of 10 years in the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve).

They can continue to use their benefits after you leave the service as long as they meet the age eligibility requirements.

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Transfer of Entitlement Family Eligibility



- May transfer benefit to spouse or children
 - Children must be enrolled in DEERS to received transferred benefits
- Spouses and Servicemembers have 15 years upon Servicemember's discharge from Active Duty to use
 - Spouses can use immediately
 - Children can use after date benefits were transferred
- Children must be at least 18 or have obtained a secondary school diploma or equivalent
- TRICARE Young Adult program does not extend age for benefit transfer
- Children 21 or 22 attending school less than full-time or are enrolled in OJT, Apprenticeships, or non-college degree programs may still be eligible
- Children may use benefit until 26



Children must also meet the age requirement of 18 before using the benefit or have attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate). Children age 18 through 20 are eligible to receive transferred benefits, as are children who are 21 or 22 if full-time student status is established.

The new TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) Program does not extend the age by which the benefit must be transferred.

Children who are 21 and 22 and whom attending school are less than full-time or are enrolled in on-the-job training, apprenticeships or non-college-degree programs may still be eligible to receive transferred benefits even though the TEB application may reflect that they are ineligible. In these cases, check with your TEB service representative.

Children may not use the benefit if they are 26 or older.

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Application for Transferred Entitlement

Each family member must first apply to VA for a certificate of eligibility before they can use their transferred benefits.

After receiving the request data and VA Form 22-1990E, VA will be able to process your family members' requests to use their benefits. The application for the certificate of eligibility (VA Form 22-1990E) can be found on VA's VONAPP website: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

A paper form is available at <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>. You can call 1-888-GIBILL1 (1-888-442-4551) for VA education benefits information.

After receiving their certificates of eligibility from VA, your family members must

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- Must apply for Certificate of Eligibility
- Form VA 22-1990E
 - Online
 - <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
 - Mail
 - <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>
- Provide certificates to school



provide the certificates to the school.

If your family members do not receive their certificates of eligibility from VA before they enroll in school, they should ask the school's veterans certifying official to send VA an enrollment certification for the academic term.

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Tuition funds will be sent directly from VA to the school.

Children are eligible for the monthly living stipend and/or the books and supplies stipend while you are on active duty.

Your spouse is eligible for the books and supplies stipend, but not the monthly living stipend, while you are on active duty because both you and your spouse are already receiving the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

If you are not currently serving on active duty, then both your spouse and your children are eligible for the monthly living stipend and/or the books and supplies stipend.

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Additional Information 

- Tuition sent directly to school
- Children eligible for books and supplies stipend and MHA
- Spouses eligible for books and supplies stipend
 - Ineligible for MHA while Servicemember is on active duty



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John David Fry Scholarship

Fry Scholarship—this is an addendum to the Post-9/11 GI Bill®. The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship is for children and spouses of active duty SMs who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

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Eligibility

Individuals are eligible for up to 36 months of educational benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®. Beneficiaries are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Children are eligible as of their 18th birthday (unless they have already graduated high school). A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible, although their eligibility ends on their 33rd birthday. Generally, spouses must use their benefits within 15 years from the SM's date of death or upon remarriage if this occurs during the 15 year period.

If you are eligible for both Fry Scholarship and DEA (Dependents Educational Assistance), you will be required to make an irrevocable election between the two programs when you apply. Dependents are not eligible to receive both DEA and the Fry Scholarship based on the same event (like a Servicemember dying in the line of duty) unless he or she is a child whose parent died prior to August 1, 2011. A child of a parent who died prior to August 1, 2011 may still be eligible for both benefits but he/she may only use one program at a time and combined benefits are capped at a total of 81 months of full-time training. In this situation the two benefit programs cannot be used concurrently.

To apply, obtain and complete VA Form 22-5490, Dependents Application for VA Education Benefits. Send it to the VA regional office with jurisdiction over the state where you will advance your education and training.

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Now let's discuss other educational programs.

John David Fry Scholarship



- Children and spouses of active duty Servicemembers
 - Died in the line of duty after 9/10/2011
- Eligible for up to 36 months of Post-9/11 GI Bill®
 - Ineligible for YRP
 - Children eligible from 18 – 33
 - Spouses eligible for 15 years or date of remarriage
- Irrevocable election
 - Cannot be eligible for both Fry Scholarship and DEA
 - Unless child of parent who died prior to 8/1/2011
 - Cap of 81 months of full-time benefit
 - Cannot use benefits concurrently



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The slide features a dark blue background. In the top left corner is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo. The main title 'Other Educational Programs' is centered in white. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with three items: 'Transition Tools for a Brighter Future' (with a blue background), 'VA Transition Assistance Program' (with a white background), and 'Employment' (with a red background). Below 'Employment' is a sub-item 'Economic Impact' (with a light blue background).

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Other Educational Programs

The Montgomery GI Bill®—Active Duty (MGIB-AD), or Chapter 30, is a benefit that provides up to 36 months of educational benefits to eligible Veterans with a high school diploma and an honorable discharge. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following release from active duty. These benefits are paid directly to the student. If used on active duty, payment is limited to the reimbursement of tuition and fees. Check the GI Bill® website for activation specifics.

The Montgomery GI Bill®—Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), or Chapter 1606, is for Selected Reserve SMs who meet certain requirements, including a six-year commitment. This benefit requires a high school diploma or certificate, and eligibility is determined by the Reserve component. Normally, eligibility ends on the day you leave Selected Reserve unless you were mobilized.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), or Chapter 1607, is a DoD education benefit program. Under this program certain Reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 10, 2001, may be eligible for education benefits based on length of service.

If you are eligible for MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, or REAP, you must elect to give up eligibility under the program for which you are eligible in order to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®. This is an irrevocable election. Having multiple periods of service results in the potential entitlement to an additional 12 months. However, you may not receive more than a total of 48 months education under two or more programs.

To apply for any of these VA education benefits, submit the VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA education benefits, online at www.ebenefits.va.gov.

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Benefits	
Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty (Chapter 30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honorable discharge 10 years after discharge
Montgomery Reserve (Chapter 16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoD education benefit Eligibility
Reserve Ed Program (Chapter 1607)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligibility

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Education and Career Counseling Program

VA’s Education and Career Counseling program, or Chapter 36, offers a wide range of free personalized educational and career counseling services and support to SMs, Veterans, and dependents to include:

- Guidance on the effective use of your VA education benefits from professionally trained Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment counselors.
- Information about other resources to help you achieve your education and career goals.
- Assistance with understanding the best career options for you based on your interests and aptitudes.
- Assistance with understanding your academic strengths and weaknesses.

Transitioning Servicemembers within six months of discharge from active duty, Veterans within one year following discharge from active duty, Servicemembers/Veterans currently eligible for a VA education benefit, and current VA education beneficiaries are all able to take advantage of this great program.

To apply, complete VA Form 28-8832, Education/Vocational Counseling Application, which can be found on ebenefits.va.gov and mail it to your nearest VA Regional Office.

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Principles of Excellence Program

The Principles of Excellence were announced on April 27, 2012 by President Obama in Executive Order 13607, to ensure that student Veterans, Servicemembers, and family members have information, support, and protections while using Federal education benefits.

Within the Principles of Excellence Program, GI Bill Comparison Tool and GI Bill Feedback System were developed to provide more information to students and increase oversight of programs offered by educational institutions.

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Education and Career Counseling



- Wide range of free personalized, educational, and career counseling services
- Servicemembers within six months of discharge
- Veterans within one year after discharge
- Current VA education beneficiaries eligible

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GI Bill Feedback System

The GI Bill Feedback System is a centralized online reporting system that allows Veterans, Servicemembers, and eligible dependents to report negative experiences with educational institutions. VA serves as the intermediary to resolve complaints between the student and school. Submitted complaints may be reviewed by state and Federal law enforcement agencies including the Department of Justice. Students may submit feedback on their educational institution by visiting benefits.va.gov/gibill/feedback.asp.

GI Bill Comparison Tool

The GI Bill Comparison tool provides:

- Access CareerScope, which is an aptitude and interest assessment to help SMs and Veterans focus on success when transitioning.
- The ability to choose the right school, which allows SMs and Veterans to compare VA-approved institutions and review other information to choose the educational program that works best for them.
- Key information about college affordability and value so beneficiaries can make the most of their benefits.
- Access to apply for your GI Bill® benefits.

On the GI Bill® homepage, you can find the GI Bill Comparison Tool by opening the “School Decision Resources” page.

Note: Perform GI Bill® Comparison Tool Demo

Click on link below and fill in sample information.

<https://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

Principles of Excellence Program



- Ensure information, support, and protections while using Federal education benefits
- GI Bill® Feedback System and GI Bill® Comparison Tool
 - Provides information and increased oversight
- GI Bill® Feedback System
 - Online reporting system allows reporting of negative feedback
 - VA serves as intermediary between student and school
- GI Bill® Comparison Tool
 - Aptitude and interest assessment
 - School comparison resources



Note: Demonstrate how to transfer benefits using milconnect.

Directions:

- Use your Common Access Card (CAC), DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon), or DFAS Account (myPay) to sign in to the milConnect portal application: <http://milconnect.dmdc.mil>
- On the milConnect home page, select **Education** → **Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)** from the menu bar.
- When the TEB portlet page displays, your family members are listed in the table under the **List of Family Members** section.

Note: If a family member is not eligible for DEERS benefits, and thus is not eligible to receive transferred benefits, the word “ineligible” will display in the Relation column to the right of your relationship to that family member.

To transfer benefit months to a family member, do the following:

- Locate the name of the appropriate family member in the table.
- From the **Months** drop-down list, select the number of months (0 to 36) to transfer.
- As an option, enter an **End Date** in YYYY-MM-DD format.
- Repeat this process for each family member.
- Once transfer months have been assigned to your family members, you must submit your transfer request for approval by doing the following:
- Select the “Post-9/11 GI Bill® Chapter 33” radio button in the **Select the educational program from which to transfer benefits** section.
- Select all the boxes in the **Transferability of Education Benefits Acknowledgements** section to indicate that you have read and understand each statement.
- Click the **Submit Request** button.
- If the submission is successful, a **Confirmation** message displays.
- After you have submitted your transfer request, the **Sponsor** information section at the top of the TEB page updates to show that the status is now

Submitted. The status date is blank and will remain blank until a service representative approves, rejects, or sets your request to a pending status.

- To track the status of your request, you will need to return to the TEB page to check the "Status" in the **Sponsor** information section. Once your transfer request is approved, the status will be updated to *Request Approved*, and the approval status date will be set to the date that the service representative approved the request.
- Once your transfer request is approved, your request data is sent to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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Additional Resources Pertaining to Post-9/11 Transfer of Entitlement

- [milConnect](#)
- [VA Transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill to Spouse and Dependents](#)
- [Department of Defense Instruction 1341.13, Post 9/11 GI Bill](#)

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Education Review Questions:

What is the additional service requirement to transfer benefits?
Four years

How many years of service until children can use transferred entitlement?
Ten years

Which form would you use as a Veteran to apply for GI Bill® benefits?
VA Form 22-1990

What tools are available to select which GI Bill® benefit to use?
Education and Career Counseling, CH 36; GI Bill® Comparison Tool

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Education Review Questions 

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This concludes the Post 9/11 GI Bill Module.

Thank you for your time and service.

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Summary 

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- ✓ Completed a Transfer of Entitlement walkthrough using milConnect.

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Thank you for your service !