

## Post 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill Cheat Sheet

Step 1: Decide if it is the best Chapter of benefits for you. In most cases the choice is between the “old” Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) versus the new Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33). See the VA website for details of each program. [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

Step 2: If you are electing the Post 9/11 GI Bill, make sure you understand that it is irrevocable.

Step 3: Electing the Post 9/11 GI Bill

A. If you have a different chapter that you must give up in order to elect the Post 9/11 ie the “old” MGIB Chapter 30 then you must complete VA Form 22-1990. After processed, you will receive a Letter of Eligibility from the VA.

1. It can be completed on the VONAPP website at: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> OR,
2. You can find the form at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov), complete it and mail it in.

B. If you were not eligible for MGIB (ie Academy, ROTC etc) then there is no step **required** to elect the Post 9/11 GI Bill. However, it is **highly recommended** that you complete the VA Form 22-1990 and so that you will receive and can keep a “Letter of Eligibility” from the VA.

Step 4: Transferring Benefits of Post 9/11 GI Bill to spouse and dependent children

A. Understand your Service Commitment and duty to repay any failing grades.

B. Make sure that your dependents names are spelled correctly and dates of birth are correct in DEERS. The information from DEERS will automatically fill in the TEB worksheet online.

C. Go to the Transferability of Educational Benefits (TEB) website: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/) and complete the form to transfer benefits. Use is securely accessed with a Common Access Card, a DoD Self Service User ID, or a DFAS PIN.

D. You can change the number of months of benefits later. It is best to register any dependant that might need benefits with a minimum of one month.

E. After the TEB is processed, you will receive a Statement of Understanding you must complete and send back in. This might take up to a few weeks.

F. Dependants complete VA Form 1990 e when they are ready to start using benefits BEFORE starting school. [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms)

Resources:

- [1-888-GIBILL1 (442-4551) [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms)]  
[[www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409\\_gibill/](http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/) ----Info on transferability]  
[[www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/) Form to Complete Transfer of Benefits with CAC]  
[[www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP\\_List.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/YRP/YRP_List.htm) Link to Yellow Ribbon ]