

Veterans Educational Benefits Handbook



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Getting Started

1. Apply for admission to the college
2. Have ALL transcripts sent to the college
3. Check with the information desk to set up a placement test
4. Apply for VA educational benefits online at www.gibill.va.gov or by completing the paper form and mailing. In this handbook, there is an “Applications/Related Forms” section for each chapter within the “Summary of VA Education Benefits” to help you identify appropriate forms.
5. Chapters 30, 1606, 31 and 1607 students need to submit a copy of your DD214 (Member copy 4) to the VA Certifying Official located in the Financial Aid department. Chapter 35 students need to submit a birth certificate if you are the child of the veteran or a marriage certificate if you are the spouse.
6. Once you have registered for classes, bring a copy of your schedule to the VA Certifying Official. Benefits cannot be certified without it.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

Chapters 30 and 1606 and 1607: Students must submit self verification of enrollment on the last day of each month. You may do so by calling 1-877-823-2378 or by accessing the VA website at www.gibill.va.gov and choosing Wave in the upper right hand corner of the screen. Failure to self certify will result in not receiving your check.

Chapter 35: Students in a degree program WILL NOT need to self certify. Students in a diploma or certificate program WILL need to self certify.

Summary of VA Education Benefits

NC National Guard Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

This program is available to any student who is a member of the NC National Guard. Students wishing to use TAP must submit a completed and signed VA Form 621-100 form to their commanding officer. This form must be completed each semester.

Chapter 30

A veteran may be eligible for Chapter 30 benefits if he or she received an Honorable Discharge AND meets the requirements of one of the categories below:

Category 1

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 per month for 12 months
- Continuously served for 3 years, or 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, or 2 years if you entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years (2x4 program)

Category 2

- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
- Served at least 1 day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88 or 6/30/87 if you entered Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years

Category 3

- Not eligible for MGIB under Category 1 or 2
- On active duty on 9/30/90 AND separated involuntarily after 2/2/91
- OR involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93

- OR voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive or Special Separation Benefit program
- Before separation, had military pay reduced by \$1200.

Category 4

- 1996 VEAP Election: On active duty on 10/9/96-10/8/97 AND contributed \$1200
- 1996 National Guard Election: Entered full time National Guard duty under Title 32, USC, between 7/1/85 and 11/28/89 and elected MGIB during the period 10/9/96 – 7/8/97 AND contributed \$1200.

Applications/Related Forms

- 22-1990—Application for Education Benefits
- 22-1995—Request for Change of Program or Place of Training

Period of Eligibility

- Eligibility generally expires 10 years after the last discharge or release from active duty
- Individuals may receive up to 36 months of full-time benefits or the equivalent in part-time training

Extension of Eligibility

- Your period of eligibility may be extended under the following circumstances: because of a later period of active duty, because of a disability which prevented completing a chosen program, because of correction of military records or upgrade of discharge, or because of POW or MIA status after last discharge or release from active duty.

Payment Schedule Rates (rates subject to change)

Effective August 1, 2008

The following rates apply to those completing an enlistment of three years or more.

Institutional Training	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$1,321.00
3/4 time	\$990.75
1/2 time	\$660.50
less than 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$660.50**

The following rates apply to those completing an enlistment of less than three years.

Institutional Training	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$1073.00
3/4 time	\$804.75
1/2 time	\$536.50
less than 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$536.50 **
1/4 time or less	\$268.25 **

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

Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance

General eligibility provides education benefits to spouse and children of:

- Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disability
- Veterans who died due to service connected disability
- Veterans who died from any cause while permanently and totally disabled as the result of service-connected disabilities
- Active servicepersons who are missing in action or are captured in the line of duty by a hostile force
- Active servicepersons who are otherwise forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

Applications/Related Forms

- 22-5490—Application for Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance
- 22-5495—Request for Change of Program or Place of Training

Periods of Eligibility

- The basic period for eligibility for the child is 8 years, beginning at age 18, or the date of completion of secondary school (whichever occurs first) and ending at age 26.
- The basic period for eligibility for the spouse is 10 years

Payment Rate Schedule (rates subject to change)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35 of title 38, U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2008.

Institutional Training	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$915.00
3/4 time	\$686.00
1/2 time	\$456.00
less than 1/2 time more than 1/4 time	\$456.00**
1/4 time or less	\$227.75 **

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

Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans

Vocational Rehabilitation is for veterans with at least a 20% service connected disability. Tuition, fees, and books are paid for by the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA). Disabled veterans go through a testing process to determine if they are eligible for the benefit. If eligible, the VA sends an Authorization to the school.

Applications/Related Forms

- 28-1900 Application for benefits

Periods of Eligibility

- Veterans have 12 years from date of disability rating to apply

Payment Schedule Rates (rates subject to change)

Number of

Dependents	Full Time	_ Time	Half Time
0	\$488.50	\$367.05	\$245.60
1	\$605.95	\$455.12	\$304.30
2	\$714.05	\$533.86	\$357.69
3	\$766.11	\$573.89	\$384.40
4	\$818.17	\$613.92	\$411.11
5	\$870.23	\$653.95	\$437.82
6	\$922.29	\$693.98	\$464.53
EA	\$ 52.06	\$ 40.03	\$ 26.71

Chapter 1606 (Guard and Reserve)

Eligibility Requirements

- Have a six year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If an officer, must have agreed to serve six years in addition to original obligation
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT)
- Obtain a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before applying for benefits
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve Unit

Applications/Related Forms

- 22-1990--Application for Education Benefits
- 22-1995--Request for Change of Program or Place or Training
- Claimant should submit to Department of Defense (DOD), issued Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) and kicker contract if applicable.

Period of Eligibility

- For individuals who first became eligible prior to October 1, 1992, the ending day of eligibility is 10 years from the date eligibility began or the date of separation from the Selected Reserve, whichever is earlier.
- For individuals who first became eligible after October 1, 1992, the ending day of eligibility is 14 years from the date eligibility began or the date of separation from the Selected Reserve, whichever is earlier.

Payment Rate Schedule (rates subject to change)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2008.

Institutional Training	
Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$329.00
3/4 time	\$246.00
1/2 time	\$163.00
Less than 1/2 time	\$82.25

Chapter 1607

Chapter 1607 provides educational assistance to members of the reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency as determined by the President or Congress.

Eligibility Requirements

- A member of a reserve component who serves on active duty after September 11, 2001, for a contingency operation and who served at least 90 consecutive days or more. Individuals are eligible as soon as they reach the 90 day point, regardless of duty status.
- **RESERVES:** Currently, qualifying members were called under: Sections 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, and 12406, of Title 10 or Title 15, or any other provision of law during a war or national emergency as declared by the President or Congress.
- **NATIONAL GUARD:** Guard members are also eligible after serving 90 consecutive days on active duty if the service is: Under Title 32 section 502(f), and supported by federal funds, and authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for a national emergency.

Applications/Related Forms

- 22-1990

Payments

Benefits paid under Chapter 1607 are a percentage of the Chapter 30 Category I three-year rate. Rates are based on the year the education training occurred. Members serving 90 days but less than one year will receive 40% of the 3-year rate. Members who served more than one year, but less than 2 years, will receive 60% of the 3-year rate.

Members serving 2 years or more will receive 80% of the 3 year rate. Members released before the 90 day point for a disability incurred during or aggravated by the line of duty will receive benefits at the 40% rate.

Payment Rate Schedule for Chapter 1607

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2008

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Ch. 1607 of Title 10, U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective August 1, 2008.

For trainees on active duty, payment is limited to reimbursement of tuition and fees for the training taken.

Institutional Training			
Training Time	Consecutive service of 90 days but less than one year	Consecutive service of 1 year +	Consecutive service of 2 years +
Full time	\$528.40	\$792.60	\$1056.80
3/4 time	\$396.30	\$594.45	\$792.60
1/2 time	\$264.20	\$396.30	\$528.40
Less than 1/2 time More than 1/4 time	\$264.20**	\$396.30**	\$528.40**
1/4 time or less	\$132.10**	\$198.15**	\$264.20 **

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

Policies and Procedures

- Only **one** program may be pursued under certification for benefits. If the veteran decides to major in two programs at the same time, only one will be certified. You can complete one and begin another, but double majoring is not permissible.
- Please remember to submit your schedule to the VA Certifying Official EACH semester. After your first semester, it is recommended that you early register. This will keep your benefits going without a delay between semesters.
- Remember to self certify if required.
- All students are required to maintain [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) as outlined in the RCC catalog and on our website at www.randolph.edu. Please familiarize yourself with these procedures.
- The DVA will pay only for courses that are **required** to complete your program of study. **Any courses taken outside of the stated curriculum are your financial responsibility.**
- It is your responsibility to report any changes in your curriculum to the VA Certifying Official. This includes dropping, adding, or withdrawing from any or all classes. You will need to complete a drop/add form and bring it to the Certifying Official to sign. The dates will be adjusted for your benefits according to the last date of attendance, **not the date the drop form was completed**. Failure to do so can result in an overpayment of benefits.
- RCC certifies students using the beginning and ending dates of the terms stated on the approved RCC Academic Calendar with the exception of classes that are classified under “irregular calendar dates” due to different starting times than regular classes.

Contact Information for Students

VA Certifying Official (Located in Student Services)

- Cathy Chi (336)-633-0369
- Email: cdchi@randolph.edu

General Information/Inquiries Regarding Education Benefits

- Phone number (Toll free) 1-888-442-4551
- or go to Ask a Question on www.gibill.va.gov

Student Monthly Verification of Enrollment

- Phone number (Toll free): 1-877-823-2378
- Web certification (WAVE): www.gibill.va.gov

Direct Deposit Sign Up:

- 1-877-838-2778

National Personnel Records Center (Request for DD214)

- <http://vetrec.archives.gov>

AARTS (American Council on Education Registry Transcript System)

- 1-866-297-4427

VA Education Service Web Site:

- For information on applying for benefits, payment rates, online pamphlets, education news, WAVE, general and detailed information on all chapters:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>