

What your benefits could add up to

Post-9/11 GI Bill®

CHAPTER 33

Up to 36 months^{1,8}

- **Tuition and fees.** At the maximum level, the full cost of public, in-state tuition and fees.¹
- **Housing.** A monthly housing allowance when in school more than half time.¹ On active duty it pays no housing allowance.²
- **Books and supplies.** Up to \$1,000 each academic year.²
- **Yellow Ribbon.** Can help with out-of-state, private, foreign or graduate tuition and fees the GI Bill does not cover, at the 100% level, where the school takes part.³
- **Transfer.** With 6 years served and 4 more agreed, a service member can transfer up to 36 months to a spouse or child. DoD decides.⁴



The other programs

CHAPTERS 30, 1606 AND 31

- **Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty, Chapter 30.** Up to 36 months, usually 10 years to use.^{5,8}
- **Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606.** Reserve and Guard with a 6-year obligation. Up to 36 months; eligibility usually ends on leaving the Selected Reserve.⁶
- **Veteran Readiness and Employment, Chapter 31.** For service members and Veterans with service-connected disabilities that limit work. Up to 48 months.^{7,8}



HOW THEY ADD UP			
One benefit	up to 36 months		36
ANY ONE	Chapter 33, 30 or 1606: up to 36 months each. ^{1,8} Chapter 31 can run to 48. ⁸		MONTHS MAX
Two or more	Chapters 33, 30, 1606: up to 48 months together		48
CHAPTERS 33, 30, 1606	Two or more of these together may not exceed 48 months. ^{8,9} Chapter 31 with them: 48, unless VA finds more are needed for rehabilitation. ⁹		MONTHS MAX
With Chapter 35	Chapter 35, up to 36 months	Others, up to 48 months together	81
AS A SPOUSE OR CHILD	Chapter 35 with two or more of Chapters 33, 30 and 1606: no more than 81 months in all. Those together still stop at 48. ^{9,10}		THE CEILING

This sheet shows the main ways to qualify and the usual month limits, not all of them. VA has other, less common ones, and VA decides what applies to you.

Not sure what you have? Call VA at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551).¹¹



Serving or served. A benefit that comes from your own service.



Months. How much time in school a benefit can pay for, up to the limits in the chart.



Chapter 33. Covers tuition and fees, and can add money for housing and books.



Check it yourself
VA.gov, the official source for VA education benefits.
va.gov/education



The Order Matters
The free guide that explains it in plain language.
wegotyou1776.com



College Tool
The app. Free to download and use.
[App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)

OFFICIAL SOURCES, CHECKED 29 SEPTEMBER 2026

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5. VA, Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30). va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty

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8. VA, Compare VA education benefits. va.gov/resources/compare-va-education-benefits

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11. VA, education and training benefits, call center 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). va.gov/education