

What Is The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty ?

The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty, called "MGIB" for short, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- ✧ College, Business, Technical or Vocational school
- ✧ Apprenticeship/Job Training
- ✧ Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- ✧ The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance in a job
- ✧ Tuition assistance "Top-up"
- ✧ Correspondence Courses
- ✧ Flight Training (in some cases)

Note: *Programs must be approved for VA training.*

Who Is Eligible ?

If you are in service, you may be eligible after 2 years of active duty. Please consult with the Education Services Officer at your installation, or call the toll-free number below, for information about your eligibility.

If you are separated from service, you may be an eligible veteran if you:

- * Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985;
- * Got a high school diploma or equivalent (or, in some cases, 12 hours of college credit) before the end of your first obligated period of service;
- * Got an honorable discharge;
- * Continuously served for 3 years, *OR* 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, *OR* 2 years if you have an obligation to serve four years in the Selected Reserve *AND* entered Selective Reserve within a year of leaving active duty.

Note: *Different rules apply if you entered active duty before July 1, 1985, and in certain other cases. Call our toll-free number below for more information.*

Are There Any Pitfalls?

You should be aware that the following pitfalls could cause you to lose all MGIB benefits:

Honorable Discharge. You must have an honorable discharge. A "general" or "under honorable condition" is not qualifying.

Early Discharge. To be eligible with an early discharge, your separation reason must meet certain requirements. Call our toll-free number below (or check with your Education Services Officer if you're on active duty) for more information.

How Much Does VA Pay ?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DOD put extra money in your *MGIB* Fund (called "kickers"). You usually have 10 years to use your *MGIB* benefits, but the time limit can be less, in some cases, and longer under certain circumstances. For those with 3 years of service, full-time rates are \$1,034 per month.

How Can You Apply ?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits. *You can also apply on line through our website at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.*

**For More Information Call Toll-Free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
Or Visit Our Web Site At <http://www.gibill.va.gov>**