



# NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS AFFAIRS

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## Education Benefits and Services

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## GI Bill

- Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Selected Reserve
- Chapter 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - SGT Fry Scholarship
- Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation
- Chapter 35 Dependent Education GI Bill
- State Benefits
- National Guard/Reserve State Benefits



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## Chapter 1606 GI Bill

- Reserve component GI Bill-Must have a 6 year contract to be eligible
- 36 months of eligibility
- Not based on Active Duty service time
- Must be utilized while in the service
- Pays \$368 per month
- Kicker Contract-Enlistment incentive in addition to GI Bill



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## Chapter 1607 GI Bill

- Sun-setted Fall 2015
- For Reserve Component Service Members
- Based on Active Service Time
- Kicker Contract eligible
- Pays an additional 12 months of benefits, up to 36 months total under this benefit



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## Chapter 30 GI Bill

- The original "Active Duty" GI Bill
- Service members had to pay \$1200 into their college fund
- \$600 Buy-up Program-offers a "Kicker" benefit
- Must be used within 10 years from last separation date.
- 36 months of benefits
- Only pays a stipend-\$1,789
- Non-transferable to a dependent
- Can be used as "Top Up" for Federal Tuition Assistance
- Reserve members on Active Duty were eligible to pay into this GI Bill



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## Post 9/11 GI Bill

- The “New” GI Bill
- Took effect in 2008, based of Active Service time since 9/11/2001, of at least 90 days.
- Both Title 10 and Title 32, non-hospitalization time counts as Active Duty.
- Must make a irrevocable decision to ‘waive’ an additional GI Bill benefit.
- Pays a Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), Book Stipend, and Tuition based on eligibility percentage
  - BAH Rate is based off of E-5 with Dependents and zip code of the school.
  - Online schools, students get half of the national average (\$945).



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## Post 9/11 Cont.

- Basic Training and MOS school do not count as Active Duty (for Reserve Component) until 24 months of additional Active Duty.
- MOB stations, terminal leave, etc. count as Active Duty.
- 36 months under Post 9/11 GI Bill and can be combined with other benefits to hit the 48 month max cap.
- Active Duty does not have to be continuous.
- BAH is not available to students attending at a less than half time status.
- Can be used for OJT, certification tests, tutoring assistance, and licensing exams.
- Must be used within 15 years of final separation.

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 months < 36 months	90%
At least 24 months < 30 months	80%
At least 18 months < 24 months	70%
At least 12 months < 18 months	60%
At least 6 months < 12 months	50%
At least 90 days < 6 months	40%



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## Transferring the Post 9/11

- Post 9/11 is transferable to a dependent
- Veteran must transfer while they are still in the service.
- Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) is a retention tool-veteran must have at least 6 years in the military and commit to serving an additional 4 years.
- Based off of veteran's eligibility and can increase.
- Spouses follow same 15 year delaminating date as veteran, children must use by age 26.
- Spouse cannot be awarded BAH if the veteran is serving on Active Duty, the child can.
- Transfer completed through MilConnect



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## Fry Scholarship (Chapter 33)

- For dependents of Veterans who passed away while on Active Duty.
- Pays at the 100% level, for 36 months.
- Children have until they are 33 to use the benefit.
- Spouse, 15 years from time of veteran's death.
- Can also use Chapter 35.



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## Chapter 31 Voc Rehab

- Education Benefits for Veterans with a Service Connected disability at 20% or more, to help the veteran become employable within the limitations of their disability.
- Must want to be employed, and be a good candidate for employment.
- Possible eligibility for a wide variety of educational programs, such as 2 year degree, 4 year degree, Masters, and professional programs.
- Program is managed by VA Vocational Rehabilitation and co managed through educational program.
- Advised to meet with counselor before filling out application.
- 12 year limit from separation or from Service Connection.



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## Chapter 31 cont.

- Post 9/11 Veterans are eligible for the Chapter 33 payment rate, based on GI Bill eligibility.
- Pays 100% of tuition, books, a living stipend, and for tools necessary for the program of study such as a computer, welding equipment, safety equipment, printer, calculator, etc.
- Referrals available for tutoring, counseling, educational assistance, and other services necessary for veteran success.



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## Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance

- For dependents of a veteran who is P/T disabled due to their military service, died as a result of their SC disability, or died on Active Duty.
- Both spouse and children qualify for 45 months of benefits, each.
- Spouse has 20 years to use the benefit from time of death or SC.
- Children must use the benefit before the age of 26, and not longer has the marriage bar. Can be extended in some cases.
- Cannot be used on Active Duty, but can be used by a service member.
- Child cannot receive Chapter 35 and DIC payments at the same time, spouse can.
- Can use CHAMP VA health care benefits.



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## Applications

- Do not file online applications-takes about 90 days longer to process.
- Ebenefits VONAPP Portal speeds up processing of applications-Which takes roughly 90-120 to process.
- 1607, 1607, 30, 33-All use VA Form 22-1990 for application-select desired GI Bill program.
  - For Post 9/11, another GI Bill must be waived on application.
- Chapter 33 Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) and Fry Scholarship-use VA Form 22-1990e.
- Chapter 35-use VA form 22-5490.
- All benefits must have supporting information attached to application or mailed in.
- Certificate of Eligibility will be produced-must be turned into school



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## ND Dependent Tuition Waiver

- For dependents of ND veterans who are 100% service connected, are paid at the 100% rate due to IU, who died as a result of their service connected disabilities, died while on Active Duty, POW/MIA.
- Veteran must have been born/lived in ND at time of entrance into the US Military, or lived in ND at least 6 months prior to enlistment, or been a resident of ND 10 years prior to the use of the waiver.



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## ND Dept Waiver cont...

- Waives Tuition and Fees at any ND state educational institution for a certificate, associates, or bachelors degree.
- Max of 45 months/10 semesters.
- Most also qualify for Chapter 35 as well.



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## National Guard Benefits

- Federal Tuition Assistance-provides \$4000 per FY for school attendance. No out of state school clause.
- State Tuition Reimbursement-Waives 25% of tuition at any qualifying state school, and reimburses the student the rest of the tuition and fees up to the NDSU base tuition/fees rate. Only in state schools eligible.
- Adjusted compensation-"Thank you for playing bonus" a small bonus the state provides all ND veterans who service on Active Duty. Managed by the Guard.

# Questions?



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Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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