

Education & Training Benefits

A practical guide to choosing a VA education benefit, applying, and using it with your school or training program.

1 | Identify the benefit and school/program

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30), and Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) use VA Form 22-1990 for eligible first-time applicants.
- Before enrolling, compare approved schools/programs and estimated benefits with VA's GI Bill Comparison Tool.

[USE THE GI BILL COMPARISON TOOL →](#)

2 | Gather what you need

- Social Security number.
- Direct-deposit bank information.
- Military service history.
- Education history.
- Basic information about the school or training facility you plan to attend.

3 | Apply

[APPLY ONLINE - VA FORM 22-1990 →](#)

[DOWNLOAD VA FORM 22-1990 →](#)

FAMILY MEMBERS USING TRANSFERRED BENEFITS

A dependent using already-transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits generally uses VA Form 22-1990e, not 22-1990. The family member should sign in with their own Login.gov or ID.me account.

[APPLY TO USE TRANSFERRED GI BILL BENEFITS →](#)

4 | After you apply

- Watch for VA's decision/Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- Give the required eligibility information to your school's certifying official.
- Confirm that the school certifies your enrollment to VA.
- Report enrollment changes promptly; dropping courses can affect payments and may create debt.

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