

Chapter 1607 – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

How do I qualify for Ch. 1607 and when can I use it?

- Serve at least 90 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001
 - Title 10 U.S.C., Sections 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, or 12406
 - Title 32 U.S.C., Section 502f, during 11 Sep 2001 – 31 May 2002 in which orders state “In support of Operation Noble Eagle”
- Separate due to a service related injury which incurred while serving in a qualifying period of service (even if you have served less than 90 consecutive days)

When can I use my Ch. 1607 GI Bill?

- This benefit is available for use for 10 years post your ETS date if:
 - You complete your Service Contract
 - You receive an Other than Dishonorable Discharge or higher
 - You continue to drill until your ETS date
 - OR you receive a medical discharge (not due to Soldier misconduct)
- This benefit will terminate upon your ETS date if you enter the ING or IRR to complete your contract and do not return to drilling status before you ETS
 - You are suspended from Ch. 1607 while you are in the ING or IRR
 - In order to have your Ch. 1607 reinstated, you must return to Drilling Status, extend your contract for the period you were in the ING or IRR and meet all other requirements listed above

What is the Buy-Up Option?

- The Buy-Up program is OPTIONAL
- If you choose to contribute up to \$600 while you are in uniform, your contribution will increase your monthly benefit by up to \$150 per month
 - For every \$20 you contribute, your monthly payment increases by \$5
 - Soldiers on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the additional payment
- To enroll, contact the GI Bill Support Team at gibill.1607@ng.army.mil

What are the Payment Tiers and how do they work?

Service Requirements on or after 11 Sep 2001	Percentage
At least 24 months	80%
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	60%
At least 90 days but less than 12 months	40%

- The payment percentage is based on the Ch. 30 Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty rate
- Currently the maximum payment with Ch. 30 is \$1473 per month which makes the maximum payments with Ch. 1607 currently:
 - 80% = maximum payment of \$1178.40
 - 60% = maximum payment of \$883.80
 - 40% = maximum payment of \$589.20
- Payments are limited by several factors including:
 - Payment Tier
 - Rate of Pursuit (if you are full time, half time, etc)
 - Use of Federal Tuition Assistance
 - Active Duty / Drilling status

Can I use Federal Tuition Assistance and my Ch. 1607 GI Bill at the same time?

- If you are a Drilling Soldier
 - YES, you may use FTA and Ch. 1607 simultaneously
- If you are on Active Duty or AGR status
 - You may use FTA and Ch. 1607 simultaneously **ONLY IF** the programs are used to pay for **SEPARATE COURSES**
 - You can use FTA for the spring semester and 1607 for the fall semester
OR
 - You can use FTA to pay for half of the classes you are taking in the semester and use Ch. 1607 to pay for the other half of the classes