

## **Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill: Active Duty**

### **How do I qualify for Ch. 30 and when can I use it?**

- You must have qualifying service with the ARNG to enroll into to Ch. 30.
- Buy-In is \$1,200
  - If you are mobilized, you must pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum
  - If you are on AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up monthly installments of \$100 for 12 months
  - To Buy-In contact the GI Bill Support Team at [gibill.ch30@ng.army.mil](mailto:gibill.ch30@ng.army.mil)
- Eligibility can be earned with:
  - Completion of a mobilization for two consecutive years
  - Completion of 20 Months of a 730 day mobilization AND released Early at the Convenience of the Government
  - Completion of a three year AGR tour
- You have 10 years from the last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit
  - Your 10 year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time by submitting your information to the VA
    - Submit a VA Form 21-4138 along with your DD 214 to your VA Regional Processing Center

### **What is the Plus-Up Option?**

- The Plus-Up program is OPTIONAL
- If you choose to contribute an additional up to \$600 while in a period of qualifying time, 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.ch30@ng.army.mil](mailto:gibill.ch30@ng.army.mil)

### **What are the Payment Tiers and how do they work?**

<b>Active Duty Service Requirements</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
At least 36 months	100%
At least 24 consecutive months but less than 36 months	81.20%

- Currently the maximum payment with Ch. 30 is \$1,473 per month
  - 80% = maximum payment of \$1196.00
- 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. 30 GI Bill at the same time?**

- If you are a Drilling Soldier
  - YES, you may use FTA and Ch. 30 simultaneously
- If you are on Active Duty or AGR status
  - You may use FTA and Ch. 30 simultaneously HOWEVER, Ch. 30 is a Top-Up Only program while you are on Active Duty
  - Top-Up Only means that...
    - FTA will pay first
    - Then Ch. 30 will pay up to \$1476 per month but only until it has paid the remainder of the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA
    - Once the cost of Tuition and Fees is paid, all payments will cease until the next semester
    - The VA will not subtract a Month of benefit until they have paid out \$1473, for example:
      - Your tuition for a five month semester is \$5,000
      - You receive payments of \$1473 per month for months 1-3
      - You receive a payment of \$572 in month 4 and no payment in month 5
      - The VA will subtract 3.5 months of benefits