

## **Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill**

### **How do I qualify for Ch. 33 and when can I use it?**

- To qualify you must serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on or after Sept 11, 2001. Qualifying active duty is defined as:
  - Title 10 U.S.C., Sections 672(d), 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304
  - Title 32 AGR
  - Title 32 U.S.C., Section 502f, in which orders state “In support of Operation Noble Eagle” within the period of 11 Sep 2001 – 31 May 2002
  - Separate due to a service related injury which incurred while serving in a qualifying period of service after serving 30 continuous days
  - Basic Training and IADT can be added to established qualifying time IF
    - You have already completed 24 months of qualifying active duty time
    - Your Basic Training and/or IADT occurred on or after 9/11/2001
  
- The following duty time does NOT qualify for Ch. 33
  - Title 32 ADOS/ADSW
  - Title 10 Service under a U.S.C. not listed above
  - Service Academy Contract Period
  - ROTC Active Duty Contract Period
  - Active Duty used for Active Duty Loan Repayment
  - Active Duty period receiving less than an Honorable discharge
  
- You have 15 years from the last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit
  - Your 15 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 with your DD 214 to your VA Regional Processing Center

### What are the Payment Tiers?

Active Duty Service Requirements	Percentage
At least 36 cumulative months	100%
At least 30 cumulative months	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
At least 18 cumulative months	70%
At least 12 cumulative months	60%
At least 6 cumulative months	50%
At least 90 cumulative days	40%

### How do the Payments work?

- Tuition and Fees
  - Paid at the payment tier percentage if you are attending a public school at the in-state rate
  - Max payment of \$17,500/year for a private school or out-of-state rate
- Book Stipend
  - \$41.67/credit hour
  - Not to exceed 24 credit hour nor \$1,000 per year
- Housing Stipend: MUST be attending at least half-time to qualify
  - Based on zip code of the school
    - Based on zip code of permanent residence if all classes are online
  - Equivalent to BAH of E-5 with dependents
  - Prorated by rate of pursuit and term start and end dates
    - Housing rate is additionally prorated by 50% if all classes are online
  - AGR/Active Duty Soldiers are NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend

### Can I use Federal Tuition Assistance and my Ch. 33 GI Bill at the same time?

- If you are a Drilling Soldier
  - YES, you may use FTA and Ch. 33 simultaneously
- If you are on Active Duty or AGR status
  - You may use FTA and Ch. 33 simultaneously HOWEVER, Ch. 33 is a Top-Up Only program while you are on Active Duty
  - Top-Up Only means that FTA will pay first, then Ch. 33 will pay the remainder of the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA according to your payment tier