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GI Bill benefits eligibility, application and payment information:

U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Eligibility

Chapter 30 and 32 veterans have 10 years after separation from active duty service, with some exceptions, to use their 36 months of benefits for approved education, training and/or testing. Chapters 35, 1606, 1607 and 33 periods of eligibility differ.

Chapter 30 - Active Duty

Chapter 32 - VEAP

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill

Chapter 35 - Survivor and Dependents of eligible deceased or disabled veterans and hospitalized servicepersons with 100% service-connected disability

Chapter 1606 - Selected Reserves/National Guard

Obtain a Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)

Chapter 1607 - REAP Activated Reservists (9/11/01)

Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation
Separate approval process through a VA Counselor.

Payment

The VA pays *you* directly at a fixed rate for each month you are enrolled and making satisfactory progress. The payment amount and method are based upon your Chapter eligibility. Chapter 33 and 31 differ.

- A full-time benefit payment rate is 12 undergraduate college credits per traditional semester or 18-22 clock hours per week for non-college degree training.
- Chapter 30 eligible veterans may request *accelerated payments* for qualified high-cost, high-tech approved programs that lead to high-tech employment. CH 1606/CH1607 eligibility extends to additional career areas for non-degree programs that are two years or less.
- *You may also be eligible for the Connecticut Tuition Waiver.* Tuition is waived for qualified wartime veterans domiciled in Connecticut at the time of admittance to a Connecticut *public* college or university. Contact institutions for more details.

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Use Your
GI Bill Benefits
for
Education & Training
State & National Tests

* **Veterans** * **Survivors & Dependents**
* **Reservists** * **National Guard**

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Where to Use Your GI Bill Benefits In Connecticut

The Connecticut Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, State Approving Agency (SAA), contracts with the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to approve programs for GI Bill educational benefits under Titles 38 and 10 of the United States Code. In addition, the SAA provides oversight of approved programs at education institutions and training facilities in Connecticut.

✓ Colleges and Universities

Undergraduate, graduate, credit and non-credit certificate programs, teacher preparation programs, including the Alternate Route to Teacher Certification, seminaries, accredited distance education programs, and college entrance exam preparation courses.

✓ Business, Occupational and Trade Schools

Certificates or diplomas in office assistant technology and occupational trades including: automotive technology, electronics, electrical, culinary arts, medical assisting, medical billing and coding, broadcasting, truck driving (CDL), computer networking, administration and repair, licensed practical nurse, massage therapy and Police and Fire Academy Recruit training.

✓ High Schools and Public Vocational-Technical Schools

High School diploma or GED; post-secondary adult occupational training in aviation mechanics, practical nurse (LPN), CNA, surgical technology, dental and medical assisting and dental lab technology.

✓ Hospitals

Nursing, EMT-B, paramedic, radiology, surgical technology and medical residencies.

✓ Hairdressing/Cosmetology Schools

Barber, cosmetician, hairdresser, esthetician and nail technician.

✓ Apprenticeship/On-the-Job Training (OJT)

The Connecticut Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Office, approves full-time employer training and related classroom training for VA benefits in addition to the training wage.

✓ Commercial Flight Training and Correspondence Courses

Professional aviation training (after obtaining private pilot hours) and nationally accredited independent study.

✓ Entrepreneurial Training

Qualified small business and self-employment courses including franchise training (OJT).

✓ Licensure or Certification Tests

The cost of SAA approved licensure or certification tests (not application fees) can be *reimbursed* to you by the VA from your GI Bill benefit entitlement within one year. Approved tests and application instructions are listed on the VA website: www.gibill.va.gov.

✓ National Admissions Tests

The VA will reimburse fees for approved national college and professional school admissions tests listed on their website and advanced placement tests accepted for course credit for eligible claimants.

How to Begin

➤ Determine your eligibility for benefits

Complete the appropriate application form (VA Form 22-1990 or VA Form 22-5490) available on-line at the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website: www.gibill.va.gov. View education benefit eligibility information, current rates, and answers to frequently asked questions, including the new Post-9/11 GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Programs (effective 8/01/09). You also may contact the VA's National Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551.

➤ Decide on a program

Decide which school and program you wish to enter. Verify that the program is approved by the Connecticut Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, State Approving Agency. Check out the searchable database of approved programs and list of approved facilities in Connecticut for veteran education benefits on our website: www.ctohe.org/vet/default.htm or call the Education & Employment Information Center toll-free at 1-800-842-0229.

➤ Apply for admission

Contact your educational institution or training establishment to apply for entrance. Once admitted, talk to the designated **VA Certifying Official** at the school, usually the Registrar or Financial Aid Officer, who will certify your enrollment using VA Form 22-1999 to initiate your monthly benefit payments for courses that apply to your approved program.

➤ Veteran Responsibilities

Students must continue to make satisfactory progress toward program completion and notify the School Certifying Official and VA of any withdrawal, change in enrollment status, or change in place or program of study.