



Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Chapter 30 (MGIB-AD)

1. What is it?

- Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, contributed \$1,200, and received an honorable discharge (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16).

2. How Do I Qualify?

- Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989.
 - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate.
 - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate.
 - Must complete 24 months before use
 - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the government.
- Pay a \$1,200 Buy-In
 - If you are AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of \$100/month for 12 months.
 - If you are eligible due to a mobilization, you must pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum.
 - To Buy-In, contact the GI Bill Support team via email at: arnng.esc.ch30@mail.mil

3. What Do I Get?

- A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on the amount of active duty time served
- Effective October 1, 2016:
 - 100% rate = \$1,857 per month
 - 80% rate = \$1,509 per month
- Payments are limited by several factors including:
 - Payment Tier
 - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
 - Use of Federal Tuition Assistance
 - Active Duty/Drilling Status

- You have ten years from your 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.
 - Submit a VA Form 21-4138 along with your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center.

- If on active duty, you can use the benefit as a Top-Up to your Federal Tuition Assistance.
 - Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate.
 - Example of Top-Up:
 - Your total tuition is \$1,000 for three semester hours and you are at the 100% tier:
 - Federal Tuition Assistance will pay \$750.
 - Ch 30 will pay \$250 balance for tuition and fees only.

- OPTIONAL Plus-Up program
 - You may contribute up to an additional \$600 while on Active Duty orders.
 - The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to \$150 per month (\$5 per month for every \$20 contributed).
 - Soldiers using Ch 30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment.
 - To elect the Plus Up option, contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at: **arnng.esc.ch30@mail.mil**

4. How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp
- ✓ Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- ✓ Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave

For More Information:

- ❖ Visit the VA Web Site: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- ❖ Visit us On-Line: www.nationalguard.com/education
- ❖ Contact your State Education Office:
 - Available at www.nationalguard.com/contacts/eso



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