



## Post-9/11 GI Bill: Factors to Consider

### Factors for Veterans and Servicemembers to Consider When Choosing Which GI Bill Benefit to Use

Many veterans and servicemembers are eligible for more than one education benefit program, including:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606)
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP, Chapter 1607)
- Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP).

Before selecting the VA education benefit best suited for a specific individual, these questions should be considered:

- Which benefit pays the individual more?
- Is s/he receiving other aid?
  - Will entitlement to that aid change?
- What Post-9/11 GI Bill tier is the person eligible for?
- What type of training will be pursued (i.e., bachelor's degree, flight training, on-the-job, etc.)?
  - How much, if any, of the training will be online/distance learning?
  - Is the preferred training covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?
- Where will the individual be living when pursuing training?
- Is the delimiting date (the timeframe to utilize benefits) important?
- Will the individual be a member of the Armed Forces on August 1, 2009?
- Is s/he eligible for Transfer of Entitlement? Does s/he want to transfer entitlement?  
**Note: Eligibility for transfer of entitlement is determined by the military branches of service.**
- Does the individual have remaining entitlement under other VA Education Programs?
  - Does the individual plan to use that entitlement before using the Post-9/11 GI Bill?