



PREPARATORY COURSE FACT SHEET

What is a Preparatory Course?

Preparatory courses are training courses for tests required or used for admission to an institution of higher learning or graduate school.

Who qualifies for payment of Preparatory Courses?

Individuals eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD or chapter 30), Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR or chapter 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP or chapter 1607), Survivors & Dependents Assistance (DEA or chapter 35), may be eligible to pursue training in preparatory courses.

How many Preparatory Courses can I pursue?

There is no limit to the number of preparatory courses you can take. However, you must have remaining entitlement and your delimiting date must not have passed.

How is your education entitlement charged?

We will reduce your remaining months of entitlement based on your training time (or rate of pursuit). For example, if you are pursuing a preparatory course and you are considered to be training at one-half time (50% rate of pursuit), we will reduce your entitlement by .5 days for each day of training.

What Preparatory Courses are approved for VA benefits?

You can visit <http://www.GIBill.va.gov> to determine if your preparatory course is approved for VA education benefits. Click on the "Find A School" button in the middle of the page and "Search for approved Education and Job Training Program." Enter the name of the institution that offers the preparatory course to obtain a listing of all programs approved at that institution. If your desired course is not approved, please contact the institution's VA school certifying official and ask them to contact the State approving agency and/or VA about becoming approved.

How do you apply for payment of Preparatory Courses?

If you haven't applied for education benefits, you'll need to submit an Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990). You may apply for benefits at <http://www.GIBill.va.gov>. Once you have submitted your application, have your institution submit an enrollment certification (VA Form 22-1999) to VA for the course. If you have applied for and are eligible for education benefits, have your institution submit an enrollment certification (VA Form 22-1999) to VA for the course.