

# Veteran & Military Benefits Summary

	<b>Montgomery G.I. Bill (Ch. 30)</b>	<b>Voc. Rehab (Ch. 31)</b>	<b>Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33)</b>	<b>Dependents Edu. Ass. Prog. (Ch. 35)</b>	<b>MGIB S.R. (Ch. 1606)</b>
<b>Eligibility Requirements</b>	2 years continuous enlistment (minimum duty varies by branch and service date)	20% or more Service Connected Disability, and employment handicap	90 days active aggregate service (after 9/10/01) or 30 days continuous if discharged for disability	Dependent or spouse of a deceased military member or 100% disabled military member	Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) period. Basic training and MOS training must be complete
<b>Maximum # of Months of Benefits</b>	36	48	36	45	36
<b>Duration of Benefits</b>	Generally 10 years from last day of active duty	12 years from date of ETS or date of service-connected disability	Generally 15 years from last day of active duty	Spouses of 10-20 years and children ages 18- 26	Generally, either 10-14 years from the initial eligibility date or upon separation
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies</li> <li>• Does not cover out-of- state tuition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the school</li> <li>• May cover costs for additional materials and/or services required for a course</li> <li>• Does cover out-of-state tuition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the school</li> <li>• Yellow Ribbon program covers out-of-state tuition (at 100% entitlement)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Does not cover out-of-state tuition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Does not cover out-of-state tuition</li> </ul>
<b>Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Rate of Pursuit and type of training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies with your Rate of Pursuit as well as the number of dependents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your entitlement percentage, Rate of Pursuit, and type of training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Rate of Pursuit and type of training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Rate of Pursuit and type of training</li> </ul>
<b>Books &amp; Supplies Stipend</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Rate of Pursuit</li> <li>• Comes out of the same pool as your tuition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be paid directly to the student but typically the student obtains a voucher from the institution which is charged to the student's account and billed to the VA (can include parking fees)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student at the beginning of the semester</li> <li>• Maximum for a year is \$1,000</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Entitlement percentage and your Rate of Pursuit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Comes out of the same pool as your tuition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is paid directly to the student</li> <li>• Amount varies based on your Rate of Pursuit</li> </ul>

- ✓ Follow the directions on the "GI Bill Pay Rates" handout in this folder for current rates.
- ✓ Ask your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor if you qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program or other financial resources.
- ✓ Benefits are conditional on honorable discharge.
- ✓ For detailed benefits information go to [ccv.edu/veterans](http://ccv.edu/veterans) or the educational benefits pages of the VA and DoD.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Where do I begin?** Your first step should be contacting a Veteran & Military Resource Advisor at CCV to explore benefit eligibility/entitlement, benefit advising, a review of certification process, and step-by-step application instruction.

**When should I start the enrollment process?** It is never too early to start the process. We recommend that students who are planning to use a VA education benefit start the application process at least three months in advance of the beginning of the semester. This allows processing time on the VA's end to allow for a prompt certification. Talk with your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor for support through this process; it is possible to enroll and use benefits even if you don't have a three month lead time.

**How can I confirm my eligibility and/or entitlement?** We recommend that all students visit the Department of Veteran Affairs website for the most up-to-date information regarding veteran's education benefits. There is also a hotline for students to call at 1-888-GI BILL 1 (1-888-442-4551). CCV's Veteran & Military Resource Advisors are also available by appointment to provide benefit advising.

**Are there other resources available if I am ineligible or only partially covered?** There are many different options available for financial assistance for higher education. Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) has counselors available to help you apply for scholarships and grants. Additionally, CCV has financial aid counselors to assist in navigating and applying for various financial resources. Visit the veterans section on the CCV website for information on scholarships specific to veterans, spouses, and dependents.

**What are the current pay rates for my education benefit?** Pay rates vary with each GI Bill, entitlement percentage, and rate-of-pursuit. You can visit the VA website, call the GI Bill hotline for help, or contact your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor who can help you get an accurate figure.

**What if I am having trouble and want to drop a course?** Always contact your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor before dropping a class or your Certifying Official after you have dropped a class. It is important for your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor to provide you with all the possible outcomes so you can make an informed decision.

**What if I fail a course?** The language around a failed course can be very specific depending on which benefit/GI Bill you are using. For accurate information please contact your Veteran & Military Resource Advisor, visit the VA website, or call the hotline. In most cases the course can be retaken without penalty.

## Common Acronyms and their Definitions

- **VMRA** – Veteran & Military Resource Advisor: These CCV staff members are Veterans themselves and can help you determine your benefit eligibility, apply for benefits, achieve academic success, and successfully transition to your next step after graduating from CCV.
- **SCO** – School Certifying Official: These CCV staff members report student enrollment information, such as term dates, credit loads, qualifying costs, etc. to the VA in order for benefit payments to be disbursed. They can also answer questions about VA education benefits and provide assistance in contacting the VA.
- **ROP** – Rate of Pursuit: The amount of credit hours being pursued in a semester divided by the standard 12 credit hour semester required to graduate within expected time frame.
- **MHA** – Monthly Housing Allowance: The monthly stipend paid to student to support living expenses and/or tuition and fees. Amount varies based on type of GI Bill, entitlement, and ROP.
- **COE** – Certificate of Eligibility: The award letter sent to the student using a GI Bill after completion of application for benefits.
- **REC** – Request for Enrollment Certification: The “permission slip” received from student and sent to the VA for approval.

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