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# Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Post-9/11 GI Bill

### 1. What is it?

> TEB is an incentive for continued service offered to Service Members who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. All ARNG Soldiers considering TEB should initiate the TEB process as soon as they meet the requirements (Ref: Title 38 USC Section 3319; DoDI 1341.13).

# 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at any payment tier
- Be currently serving in the Uniformed Services, with at least six years completed
- NOT be flagged for adverse action, APFT/ABCP failure, or as Unsatisfactory Participant
- Agree to a four-year service obligation from the date of your transfer request
- > Transfer to an eligible dependent
  - Spouse and/or dependents must be listed under you in DEERS
  - o Transfers to children must be completed before each child's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday (21<sup>st</sup> birthday if not enrolled full-time at an Educational Institution)

#### 3. What Do I Get?

- Dependent(s) receive the same tier payment as Soldier
  - o Spouse may use immediately, eligibility ends 15 years from your last day of qualifying time
  - o Spouse of a Soldier on Active Duty/AGR is NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend

#### Children:

- Cannot use the benefit until transferring Soldier has completed 10 years in the Armed Forces
- o Is always paid as if Soldier is in a Non-Active Duty Status
- o Can begin using the benefit on their 18th birthday or upon high school graduation, whichever comes first
- A child's eligibility ends on their 26th birthday unless you specify an earlier end date.
- You can modify and/or revoke months between any dependent you originally transferred months to – even after you separate from service
- > Important! You must be currently serving to ADD a new dependent

# 4. How Do I Apply?

#### Step 1: Contact the VA

- Call 1-888-GIBILL-1, ask how many months you have remaining in each GI Bill program.
  - o If you are only eligible for one program, subtract those months from 36. This is the number of months you are eligible to transfer.
  - o If you are eligible for more than one program, subtract the total months from 48. You may transfer this number of months or 36 months, whichever is less.

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## Step 2: Complete Extension (If required)

- ➤ If you do not have four years remaining on your contract from the date you complete the TEB application, you will need to extend.
- ➤ IMPORTANT! Your TEB request cannot be approved until the new ETS is reflected in SIDPERS and GIMS.

## Step 3: Complete Application for Transfer

- Log into milConnect https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/
- Verify your dependents are listed as eligible to receive the transfer.
  - o Your dependents will be listed in the List of Family Members chart.
  - o If your dependent(s) is under 23 years old and is identified as ineligible, contact your DEERS office to enroll that dependent into DEERS.
- > Enter the number of months you wish to transfer to each dependent
- ➤ Entering a Transfer End Date is optional, and **not recommended**. If left blank, the dependent will receive the longest period of eligibility allowed by law.
- Click the "OK" button and repeat for each dependent.
- Complete the application by reading every statement and selecting EVERY check box. Be sure to click the SUBMIT button.

## Step 4: Access your Enterprise Email and follow TEB email instructions

- ➤ The ARNG GI Bill Support Team will review your application and send approval instructions to your military email.
- ➤ Once you have met all the requirements, you will receive a TEB APPROVED email from the GI Bill Support Team.
- Login to milConnect, review your obligation end date (OED), print your approval form.
- NOTE: IF YOU VOLUNTARILY SEPARATE FROM THE ARNG PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR OED, YOUR TEB WILL BE TERMINATED AND ANY FUNDS PAID TO YOUR DEPENDENTS WILL BE RECOUPED!

# Step 5: Dependent Application to VA

- ➤ When ready to attend school, your approved dependent(s) apply for the Post 9/11 GI Bill at: www.vets.gov
- ➤ Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school to certify your enrollment.

# For More Information:

- > Go to the VA Web Site: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- ➤ Visit us On-Line: <u>www.nationalguard.com/education</u>
- > Contact State Education Services Office at: <a href="mailto:ng.wa.waarng.list.per-education@mail.mil">ng.wa.waarng.list.per-education@mail.mil</a>



