

POST 9/11 GI BILL...CH 33 ~ Auburn University

Post 9/11 GI Bill is also called Ch 33 and went into effect August 1, 2009 for school terms after August 1, 2009.

Currently Auburn University is NOT participating in the VA Ch 33 Yellow Ribbon Program.

Students who are undergraduate and graduate non-residents and those students enrolled in high cost degree programs such as Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, and the Executive MBA and Physician's MBA degree programs will not receive enough VA funds to cover their tuition and fees for each term. Each of these programs may have a large out-of-pocket expense to pay the university each term. Initials: _____

University Bills: VA Students at Auburn University, no-matter which VA Educational Program they participate in, are responsible for the payment of all billed expenses. Post 9/11 GI Bill recipients see page 2 reference to payment of tuition and fees. Initials: _____

Important: A student currently participating in another VA Educational Benefits program, e.g. Ch 30, Ch 30 Active Duty, Ch 31, Disabled Vet, or Ch 1607-REAP, may **ELECT** to change to Ch 33. **The student must determine if it is to the student's financial benefit to elect Ch 33.** However, if a student changes to CH 33 from another VA educational program he/she can **NOT change back** to the previous program if the Ch 33 program does not suite the student's financial needs. Benefit comparison information is available at www.gibill.va.gov . Initials: _____

Ch 33 eligibility criteria is for Veterans (honorably discharged), Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Component students who have served on active duty for 90 days after September 10, 2001 and dependents of certain service members. Also eligible are students who have served on active duty after 9/11/01 and who have serviced at least 30 continuous days and received a disability discharge. See eligibility and service requirements at www.gibill.va.gov . Initials: _____

Ch 33 eligibility criteria is service related and is based on an Active Duty service requirement under Department of Defense (DOD) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) orders. The service requirement is an aggregate step system and is posted on the VA website at www.gibill.va.gov . Example: 36 months of active duty receives 100% of maximum benefits payable. A student (CH 30 MGIB or CH 1607 REAP student) with 6 months, but less than 12 months of service will receive 50% of maximum benefits payable. Initials: _____

Note: As with all VA Educational Benefits program, Ch 33 recipients must be enrolled in courses that are core subjects and/or approved electives in their selected major. Those courses that do not meet this requirement will NOT be certified for VA payment.
Initials: _____

Ch 33 program allows for three separate benefit payments for most students, (1) a tuition and fee payment to the school, (2) a monthly housing allowance equal to the DOD Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) provided to service members at the E-5 pay grade with dependents within the same zip code as the student's school, and (3) a books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 per year. Initials: _____

All existing VA Educational Benefits programs (Ch 30 MGI Bill, Ch 31 Disabled Veteran VR&E, Ch 32, Ch 35 DEA, Ch 1606 MGIB-SR, Ch 1607 REAP, CH 18, 901 & 902 Special VA Benefits Programs are still in effect. The benefits from these programs make payments directly to the student. Initials: _____

Payment of tuition and fees: Ch 33 statutory requirements governing the Post 9/11 GI Bill require VA to pay tuition and fees payments for the claimants enrolled at Auburn University and receiving benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill to **be paid directly to the training institution.** Payments are made AFTER the VA receives and processes the student's enrollment information submitted by the Auburn University VA Certifying Official. **NOTE: *Upon receipt of the VA Certification of Eligibility (COE) by the School's VA Certifying Official (203 Mary Martin Hall, FAX 334-844-6085), the university will credit the student's account for the COE entitlement but will require payment of any charge not covered by entitlement as per university billing policy.*** Initials: _____

Payment of Basic Allowance for Housing: Ch 33 benefits for **basic housing (BAH) and books/supplies stipend** will be paid directly to the student. To receive BAH a student can **NOT** be on **Active Duty or a spouse of an Active Duty member or pursuing distant learning degree programs.** **Eligible students must be training at a rate greater than ½ time ... e.g. must be enrolled for 7 hours or more to receive BAH.** Initials: _____

Payment for books and supplies: **To receive the books and supplies stipend a student can NOT be on Active Duty or a spouse of an Active duty service member.** Books and supplies are paid at a rate calculated at **\$41.67 per credit hour** for up to 24 hours. $\$41.67 \times 24 = \1000.08 . Annual books & supplies maximum payment per year is \$1000. Payments are made directly to the student in a lump sum each term up to a maximum of \$1000 or 24 hours. Initials: _____

Ch 33 Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) is a Department of Defense (DoD) program and the DoD determines eligibility for the program. Currently, eligible service personnel are those that are on active duty on or after August 1, 2009. DoD may allow an individual to transfer entitlement to one or more dependents if he/she meets the service requirements and agrees to serve additional time in the Armed Forces. Retired military may be eligible under the DoD eligibility criteria. Go to www.gibill.va.gov to learn more current information about this issue. Initials: _____

Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) Service member MUST first register through the DOD web site to Transfer of Benefits (TBE) to dependents. When the parent is approved, the student must apply for the Ch 33 benefits using the VA Form 22-1990e. Go to www.gibill.va.gov for instructions of "How to Apply for TEB" Initials: _____

OVER PAYMENT of Benefits: The veteran or dependent is responsible for any overpayment incurred as a result of not completing courses or courses for which they received VA pay that are not in their degree program as core subjects or approved electives in their major. Auburn University's established refund policies will be followed and the student is still responsible to the University and VA for any overpayment made to the student or indebtedness incurred by the student. **BOTTOM LINE:** Tuition and fee payments are paid to the school on behalf of the veteran, overpayments of tuition and fees will be charged to the student. Initials: _____

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) and CH 33: Active duty students can not receive TA & Ch 33 at the same time for the same courses. E.G. if TA has paid for tuition then Ch 33 does not have tuition to pay and vice versa. There must be a tuition bill and fee bill for the student to have either of these programs to pay tuition and fees. If one pays the tuition and fees bill there is no bill for the other to pay. If there is an unpaid portion of the bill not covered by TA, VA will pay "Top-Up" to cover the unpaid portion of the bill. Initials: _____

NOT Eligible for Ch 33 includes: Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel under Title 32. Service academy contract periods. ROTC contract period under Title 10. Service used under the “Loan Repayment Program”. Service terminated due to defective enlistment agreement. Initials: _____

KICKERS for MGIB, MGIB-AD and MGIB-SR. Individuals eligible for kicker under other benefits may receive the KICKER under Ch 33. The monthly kicker amount will be prorated based on the individual’s rate of pursuit. Payments of KICKERS will be issued in a lump sum directly to the student each term the student is eligible for benefits and the student is entitled to a monthly housing allowance, BAH. **NOTE: the \$600 Buy-Up is not payable under 9/11 GI Bill, Ch 33.** Initials: _____

Chapter 30 contribution refunds: Individuals who relinquish MGIB, MGIB-AD benefits to receive Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits are entitled to a proportional amount of the basic \$1200 contribution if they exhaust their entitlement under the Post 9/11 GI Bill. This payment will be included with the last monthly housing allowance payment when Post 9/11 GI Bill entitlement exhausts. Initials: _____

WEBSITS to visit: www.gibill.va.gov.
www.auburn.edu then click on students, then click on Veterans Affairs Office.

HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM for Post 9/11 GI Bill

Be sure to follow the instructions below:

- (A) **If you have selected Auburn University you must have applied and have been admitted and must be enrolled in a degree seeking program. Student who are non-degreed students, provisional students, and students auditing courses are not authorized VA educational benefits.** Initials: _____
- (B) **B-1. Veteran, Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve students must submit electronically (VONAPP) or via mail a completed VA Form 22-1990, dtd Dec 2008 to the VA Regional Processing Office for the Southern Region: VA RPO, P.O. Box 100022, Decatur, GA 30031-7022. On Line Application (VONAPP) is available at www.gibill.va.gov . Hard copy VA Form 22-1990 available at www.va.gov/vaforms .** Initials: _____
B-2. Active duty personnel or approved retired personnel wishing to transfer Post 9/11 benefits to a spouse or dependent child must first apply through the DoD Transfer of Benefits process (TEB) program and be approved to transfer benefits before the dependent can apply for CH 33 benefits. Dependents must apply for VA benefits by submitting the VA Form 22-1990e. VA Form 1990e is available at the www.gibill.va.gov. Apply on line at www.gibill.va.gov through VONAPP, VA On-Line Application.
- (C) **Notify the Auburn University VA Certifying Official, 203 Mary Martin Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849, 334-8446082, FAX 334-844-6085, barnasp@auburn.edu that you have applied for VA education benefits. Ask the school certifying official for special instructions on how to use your VA benefits at Auburn. There is additional school paperwork to be completed before one can receive VA benefits.** Initials: _____

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- (D) Wait for the VA RPO to process your VA Form 22-1990 application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for education benefits under Ch 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill. This notification will be the form of a letter titled “Certificate of Eligibility (COE)”. Initials: _____
- (E) **REQUIRED: Take the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or Letter of Eligibility to the Auburn University VA Office for review and processing.** AU VA office is located in 203 Mary Martin Hall, Auburn University AL, 36849. Phone: 334-844-6082 or 2517. FAX 334-844-6085. Initials: _____
- (F) **The Auburn VA Office must have a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) authorizing him/her Ch 33 benefits.** The COE letters are produced by VA Regional Office Decatur GA in two (2) copies. One copy for the student and one copy for the school certifying official. The student gives the copy of the COE to the school VA Certifying Official, 203 Martin Hall, Auburn University, 36849. Initials: _____