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SUBJECT: Post 9/11 GI Bill and Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) to Family Members

REFERENCES:

A. Department of Defense, Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) 09-003: Post 9/11 GI Bill, June 22, 2009.

B. Department of Army Memorandum, subject: Post 9/11 GI Bill-Policy Memorandum, July 10, 2009.

C. National Defense Authorization Act of 2008

D. Title 38, United States Code

E. AR 621-202, Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements

F. DAPE-MPE ALARACT 195/2009, DTG 131938Z Jul 09, subject: Post 9/11 GI Bill Policy Announcement.

1. This Message will expire 1 January 2011. The procedures will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded and apply to active duty only.

2. The purpose of this message is to emphasize the basic procedures for establishing eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill as well as the Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) to certain Family Members.

3. Reference C authorized the Post 9/11 GI Bill which became effective August 1, 2009. Policy will be included in the next update to Reference E. The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) refers to the Post 9/11 GI Bill as Chapter 33 benefits.

4. Reference F provides detailed instructions for establishing eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill and for TEB. Due to the increased number of inquiries to HRC, this message clarifies procedures for enlisted Soldiers and for Officers and Warrant Officers. As an exception to the Army's implementation guidance, Army Human Resources Command temporarily processed and certified Enlisted Soldier requests to transfer education benefits submitted in the TEB portal. This action was taken to facilitate the timely processing of transfer requests for the Fall 2009 enrollment period. Only those requests that did not require the Soldier to extend/reenlist were processed. All others were placed in a pending status for action by the Soldier's servicing Career Counselor. HRC stopped processing TEB requests for enlisted Soldiers on 11 September 2009.

(a) Benefits for the Servicemember and Veteran: Servicemembers and Veterans who have decided to convert to the Post 9/11 GI Bill and are ready to use their benefits must apply to the DVA by submitting VA Form 22-1990 online through the

DVA web site [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Check the box for Chapter 33. The decision to convert is irrevocable. Therefore, Servicemembers must be cautious and thoroughly understand their current benefits (i.e. MGIB, VEAP, or Vietnam Era GI Bill, if applicable) and compare with benefits under the Chapter 33. To assist, a comparison chart is included in the DVA's web site.

(b) Benefits for Dependents. Only active duty and Selected Reserve Servicemembers who meet requirements outlined in references A and B above are authorized to transfer unused benefits to dependent Family Members who are in DEERS. Servicemember must use either his/her military CAC or DFAS pin, and log on to the TEB portal at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>. Servicemember must click all boxes to indicate that they have read and understand each statement on the TEB request page. The decision is irrevocable. Once in the TEB, the Servicemember may transfer up to 36 months to eligible Family Members. The Servicemember will choose the begin date, end date, and number of months to transfer to each Family Member. To determine months of unused benefits, please contact the DVA at 1-888-442-4551.

(1) Transfer to spouse: The end date is 15 years after the Servicemember separates from active duty. Servicemember may estimate this date.

(2) Transfer to Dependent Children: Children must be a dependent and be in DEERS at the time of transfer. The earliest begin date is the date the child receives a secondary school diploma, equivalency certificate, or reaches age 18. The end date can be up to the date the child reaches age 26. If the Servicemember designates an end date prior to the child's 26th birthday, the VA will pay benefits only to the designated date; benefits will not be authorized beyond this date. Therefore, it is recommended that the end date be the child's 26th birthday.

(3) Servicemembers should consider transferring at least one month to each Family Member listed on the TEB. Once separated from active duty, the Servicemember can no longer add any Family Member to TEB; the Servicemember or Veteran can change or amend the months between the Family Members at any time. For example, if 24 months are transferred to one child, but the child receives a full scholarship, then the Servicemember/Veteran can go into the TEB, zero out the child's 24 months, and transfer to another Family Member (as long as that Family Member had initially been given at least one month).

(4) Hit the Submit button. Ensure the revoke is not checked unless the intent is to zero out benefits transferred, which means the benefits revert back to the Servicemember/Veteran.

(5) Once TEB is completed, the Servicemember may later return to the TEB page and monitor the status. No confirmation number or electronic message is sent to the Servicemember. The TEB request will remain in SUBMITTED status until processed by an authorized certifying official.

5. Certifying Officials: The certifying official will review the TEB request and approve, reject, or place the request in pending review. A request is rejected if the servicemember does not meet the eligibility outlined in Reference B above or is flagged.

(a) The certifying official for Active Duty Enlisted Soldiers is the unit's Army Career Counselor. All Enlisted Active Duty Soldiers must notify their supporting Career Counselor immediately upon requesting transfer of benefits within the TEB portal. This is the only means available to alert the Career Counselor that the action is in the TEB portal awaiting review/certification. The Army Career Counselor will determine eligibility IAW Reference B above; the Soldier must extend or reenlist, if applicable, to meet the required additional service obligation. All TEB requests should be completed within 3 duty days of submission provided the Soldier has contacted their Career Counselor, meets all eligibility criteria, and no additional action, to include reenlistment or extension is required by the Soldier. The Soldier must monitor the TEB for status. Career Counselors must complete a Soldier's TEB request within 3 duty days after confirmation of the reenlistment or extension.

(b) The certifying official for Active Duty Officers and Warrant Officers is the Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) and the HQDA, G-1. Officers who meet eligibility requirements outlined in Reference B above may submit TEB requests. Once submitted, Officer must monitor the TEB for status; if not approved, the Officer may contact their AHRC career branch to resolve any questions or discrepancies.

6. Once the TEB request is approved, the information is automatically fed to the DVA. When ready to use the benefits, the spouse and/or eligible child must submit VA Form 22-1990e through the DVA's web site at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). The DVA will send the spouse and/or child a Certificate of Eligibility which must be provided to the school. The school will submit VA Form 22-1999 to the DVA. The DVA will then award appropriate benefits to the school and to the spouse/child.

7. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.