



Montgomery GI Bill Enrollment

New Accession Counseling Guide

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Background

- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) enrollment change took effect 5 January 2023.
- Members gained to Active Duty for the first time on or after 5 January 2023 no longer have their pay reduced by \$100 for the first 12 months of service.
- Eligible members must be counseled at least once during the first 270 days of active duty.
- Members will now make the election to enroll or disenroll in MGIB between days 180 and 270 of active duty.
- MGIB pay reductions begin the month following day 270 of active duty for members who choose to remain enrolled.



Purpose

- This slide deck will be used as a counseling tool and is not a replacement for face-to-face counseling.
- The change in enrollment is to help service members make an informed decision on their Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) education benefits, and how that decision may affect their financial readiness.



Active Duty GI Bill Programs

- **Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) – In effect since 1985.**
 - Open to Enlisted members upon first period of full time active duty (AD).
 - Open to Officers accessed through direct commissioning programs.
 - Naval Academy and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship recipients (over \$3,400) are ineligible.
 - Requires \$1,200 pay reduction.
- **Post-9/11 GI Bill (PGIB) – In effect since August 1, 2009.**
 - Open to Enlisted and Officers with qualifying AD service on or after September 11, 2001.
 - Naval Academy and ROTC Scholarship recipients begin accruing qualifying AD after completing 5-year statutory service obligation.
 - Loan Repayment Program recipients begin accruing qualifying AD after completing 3 years of AD.
 - Selected Reserve members are eligible with sufficient qualifying AD service



Eligible Programs

- **MGIB and PGIB provide financial assistance for the same programs:**
 - Degree (Colleges and University) education
 - Non-college degree (Business, technical, vocational) training
 - Apprentice & on-the-job training
 - Flight training (must already have a private pilot's license)
 - Correspondence courses
 - Licensing & certification
 - National testing programs
 - Work-study programs
 - Tutorial assistance (difference between total cost of tuition and fees and the amount of Tuition Assistance paid by the military. Know as “Top Up” under MGIB.)

****Questions about particular programs should be addressed with the DVA****



Program Comparison

	Post 9/11 GI Bill	Montgomery GI Bill
Minimum Length of Service	90 days aggregate (50% tier); 36 months for 100% eligibility tier. *	2 years continuous of a 3 year contract or 3 years continuous of a 4 year contract. *
Maximum # months of benefits	36	36
Enrollment Cost	\$0	\$1,200
Duration of Benefits	Lifetime – no expiration.	10 years from most recent discharge from active duty.
Transfer Benefits to Dependents	After 6 years of service, with an additional 4 year obligation.	No transfer option.
Characterization of Discharge	Honorable (or have an honor period of service)	Honorable (or have an honor period of service)
Buy-up Option	No buy-up option.	Every \$20 contributed increases benefits \$5/ month. Max contribution \$600 = \$150/month. Contribution is nonrefundable.

** Eligible for 100% benefits if discharged after 30 continuous days due to service-connected disability.*



Program Comparison

	Post 9/11 GI Bill	Montgomery GI Bill
Tuition and Fee Payments	Tuition and Fees – directly to school. 100% of cost for public schools. Annual cap for private schools.	Paid directly to student. Monthly amount based on rate of pursuit: <math><1/4</math>, $1/4$, $1/2$, $3/4$, or full time.
Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)	Paid directly to veteran for > 1/2 time enrollment. Based on E-5 BAH with dependents for zip code of campus where courses are taken. **	No MHA
Books & Supplies Stipend	Paid directly to student. Flat rate of \$41.67 per credit hour. \$1,000 per academic year cap.	No Stipend.
Yellow Ribbon	Yes. Yellow Ribbon schools agree to pay part of the difference between VA Private rate and their charges, and VA matches.	No Yellow Ribbon.

**** AD and spouses of AD are not eligible for MHA.**



MGIB Decision Timeline

- In first 270 days of AD: Sailor receives counseling at least one time
- Between days 180 and 240 of AD, Sailors will be given opportunity to disenroll from MGIB. Disenrollment does NOT impact Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility.
- All sailors must complete DD Form 2366, “Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984”, found at https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/dd2000_2499/. Sailors who do not disenroll on DD Form 2366 will be automatically enrolled, by law. A sailor’s decision to enroll or disenroll is irrevocable.
- Once a week, commands will run a MGIB report in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) or Career Information Management System (CIMS) to identify Sailors who require counseling. Guidance can be found at https://www.nsips.cloud.navy.mil/nsipsclo_landing/jsp/newForYou.jsp, NSIPS Release 1.4.27.4.
- Sailors must complete DD Form 2366 NLT day 240 to ensure sufficient processing time. Enrollment pay reductions of \$100 per month for 12 months will begin the month following the 270th day on AD.



MGIB Enrollment Process

- **Commands should ensure the completed DD Form 2366 is witnessed and signed by a designated command representative**

- **Submit the signed DD Form 2366 to Navy Personnel Command (PERS 313) for entry in the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF),**
 - **Via eSubmission for commands with eSubmission capabilities**
 - **By mail to Commander Navy Personnel Command, PERS 313, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3130.**



MGIB Disenrollment Process

- **For commands serviced by a TSC :**
 - **Direct the CPPA to submit the signed and witnessed DD Form 2366, to MyNavy Career Center (MNCC) Human Resources Service Center (HRSC) per reference**
 - **HRSC will verify the DD Form 2366 entries are accurate and a NSIPS pay supervisor will approve the MGIB disenrollment transaction no later than day 270 to guard against erroneous enrollment**
 - **Upon completion, HRSC will submit DD Form 2366 to OMPF via eSubmission or by mail to Commander Navy Personnel Command, PERS 313, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3130**
 - **Commands serviced by a TSC who are unable to submit due to connectivity issues may send an email with the required key supporting documents to the MNCC HRSC at askmncc@navy.mil**



MGIB Disenrollment Process

- **For commands not serviced by a TSC:**
 - **The local personnel office will submit the signed and witnessed DD Form 2366 disenrollment election to their NSIPS pay supervisor to approve the MGIB disenrollment transaction no later than day 270**
 - **The DD Form 2366 is then submitted to OMPF via eSubmission for commands with eSubmission capabilities or by mail to Commander Navy Personnel Command, PERS 313, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3130**
 - **Commands will make every effort to verify disenrollment election transactions in NSIPS before day 270 to avoid automatic MGIB pay deductions**

- **MyNavy HR is developing a new, information technology solution to streamline these processes for Fleet ease and will provide updates in the coming months.**



Additional Resources

- **View the Navy's GI Bill Programs Branch (PERS-311) site:**
<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Education/GI-Bill>
- **View current DVA Education Benefit Rates:**
<https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/>
- **Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool to see how benefits compare based on the schools you are interested in:** <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool>
- **Research Yellow Ribbon Schools:** <https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/>