Overview of Different Chapters Under the GI Bill

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GI Bill Chapters

Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
- The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable Discharge to be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- May transfer some or all of entitlement to dependents if sponsor is on active duty
- Percentage of benefits paid is based on amount of active duty time after Sep 11, 2001 (40 – 100%)
- Pays tuition and fees, book stipend, and housing stipend to the percent of benefits payable of sponsor and training time (full-time vs. part-time)

Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill
- Available to those active duty members who enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces, and paid $100 per month for 12 months. This entitles them to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation
- Not transferable to dependents
- Pays the student a monthly stipend in arrears based on training time (full-time vs. part-time)
- Must verify school attendance monthly

Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Service
- Assists veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs
- Provides comprehensive rehabilitation evaluation to determine abilities, skills and interests
- Offers assistance with post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school
- For veterans with a disability rating greater than 20%
- Pays tuition and fees, books and supplies voucher, and monthly housing stipend
- Must see Vocational Rehabilitation counselor to determine eligibility
- Local office at 3010 Knight Street Suite 110 Shreveport, LA 71105-2575, phone (318) 676-3425
Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill – Select Reserve
- Available to those reservists and National Guard members who are actively drilling and have a 6-year obligation in the Selected Reserve
- Pays a monthly stipend in arrears based on training time (full-time vs. part-time)
- Must verify school attendance monthly

Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- A Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This program makes certain reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits.
- Pays a monthly stipend in arrears based on training time (full-time vs. part-time)
- Must verify school attendance monthly

Chapter 35 – Survivor's and Dependents Educational Assistance Program
- You must be the son, daughter or spouse of:
  - A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces
  - A veteran who died from any cause while such permanent and total service-connected disability was in existence
  - A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force
  - A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power
  - A service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability.
- Pays a monthly stipend in arrears based on training time (full-time vs. part-time)

Louisiana State Programs

Louisiana National Guard Education Office Tuition Exempt Program
- Some guard members qualify for a tuition exemption program through the guard
- This program is not connected with the GI Bill
- Student pays only fees
- Contact this program by calling (504) 278-8304

Chapter 35 Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs State Aid Program
- Program exempts qualified student from paying tuition and school imposed fees
- Student pays only student imposed fees
- This program is not connected with the GI Bill
- To apply see the local VA Servicing Office in your home parish
- Visit www.vetaffairs.la.gov/contact and click on the link for Parish Service Offices

For additional information visit GI Bill Website www.gibill.va.gov