

Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (Chapter 30) and Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

What you need to know

The Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (Chapter 30) pays educational expenses for eligible soldiers, sailors, marines, guardsmen, and airmen. The Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) pays educational expenses for eligible servicemembers of the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard.

Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (Chapter 30)

What is the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty?

It is financial assistance to U.S. servicemembers for education programs including college courses. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 30.

What does this benefit pay for?

Up to 36 months of education benefits to be used for degree and certificate programs, and other types of education and training. More specifically:

- Tuition and fees up to a standard amount, which changes October 1 every year with the Consumer Price Index and varies according to your length of service and other factors. Visit www.gibill.va.gov for current payment rates.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

If you are currently in service, you may be eligible after two years of active duty. But the eligibility criteria are complex and depend on your length of service, current duty status, and other factors. Check with your Education Center, or visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information.

Is there a time limit on using this benefit?

You have 10 years from your date of separation before these benefits will expire.

How do I apply for the Montgomery GI Bill?

Complete the online application at www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov. Or you may print a form from the VA's Web site and mail it to the appropriate VA Regional Processing Office (for Capella University, submit to: PO Box 66830, St. Louis, MO 63166-6830).

- If you have never used this benefit before, complete VA form 22-1990.
- If you have used this benefit before, complete VA form 22-1995.

Do payments go to my educational institution, or to me?

Payments will go to you, and you will be responsible for meeting your payment obligations with your educational institution.

How do I use this benefit at Capella?

1. Send a copy of your VA form 22-1990 or 22-1995 to Capella.
2. Capella will certify your enrollment to the VA.
3. You must self-verify your enrollment status at the VA WAVE Web site the last day of each month that you are enrolled in courses, www.gibill.va.gov/wave or by phone at 1.877.823.2378.

Once these steps have been completed, the VA will send payments directly to you.

Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

What is the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve?

It is financial assistance to eligible servicemembers in the U.S. Selected Reserve. It covers tuition and fees for education programs including college courses. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 1606.

What does this benefit pay for?

Up to 36 months of education benefits for degree and certificate programs, and other types of education and training. The benefit pays tuition and fees up to a standard amount, which changes October 1 every year with the Consumer Price Index and varies according to your length of service and other factors. Visit www.gibill.va.gov for payment rates and other information.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

You must be a member of the Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army Reserves, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard.

You must also meet certain requirements:

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990.
- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT).
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT.
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit.

Other factors affect your eligibility. Check with your Education Services Officer, or visit www.gibill.va.gov for more information.

Is there a time limit on using this benefit?

You have 10–14 years depending upon when you became eligible for this benefit. Please visit the VA's Web site to see what time frame applies to your situation.

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Where can I get more information on the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty and Selected Reserve?

Visit the VA Web site at www.gibill.va.gov or call 1.888.GIBILL.1 (442.4551).

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