

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)

What you need to know

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) pays educational expenses for eligible members of Reserve components called to active duty in response to war or national emergency.

What is the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), also known as Chapter 1607?

A benefit program that provides educational assistance to members of Reserve components called to active duty in response to a war or national emergency. It makes some reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits.

What does this benefit pay for?

REAP pays up to 36 months of education benefits to be used for degree and certificate programs, and other types of education and training. REAP pays tuition and fees up to a standard amount, which is a percentage of the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) three-year or more enlistment rate:

- Those who served 90 days but less than 1 year receive 40% of the MGIB active duty rate.
- Those who served 1 year but less than 2 years receive 60% of the MGIB active duty rate.
- Those who served 2 continuous years or 3 years total from multiple mobilizations receive 80% of the MGIB active duty rate.

To learn about other factors that can affect the payment amount and to see current payment rates, visit www.gibill.va.gov.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

Generally, you are eligible if you are a member of a Reserve component who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001, under title 10, U.S. Code, for at least 90 consecutive days under a contingency operation.

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

Is there a time limit on using this benefit?

You have 10 years from the date you separated from the Selected Reserve to use this benefit. Or, in some cases, the benefit may end once you leave the Reserves.

How do I apply for this benefit?

Complete the online application at www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov. Or you may print the 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 each month at the VA WAVE Web site, www.gibill.va.gov/wave or by phone at 1.877.823.2378, the last day of each month that you are enrolled in courses.

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

Where can I get more information on REAP?

Visit the VA Web site at www.gibill.va.gov or call

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