



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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In Reply Refer To:

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Dear Mr

We received your application for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This letter gives you details about your eligibility under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**Eligibility Under an Existing Program**

If you are eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB or Chapter 30), Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR or Chapter 1606), or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP or Chapter 1607) on August 1, 2009, you must relinquish benefits under the program for which you are eligible in order to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. If you are eligible under more than one of the listed programs, you are only required to give up benefits under one of the programs to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**What We Found**

After reviewing your claim, we determined that, on August 1, 2009, you would be eligible for REAP. Your eligibility for benefits under REAP was relinquished to establish eligibility under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

If you relinquished eligibility under MGIB to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, your months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill are limited to the number of months of entitlement you had remaining under MGIB on the effective date of your eligibility under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

You may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more education programs. You can disagree with the decision VA made anytime within the standard one-year appeal period.





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payment that you would have received under the relinquished benefit. You will not be eligible to receive the monthly housing allowance or the books and supplies stipend while pursuing flight, correspondence, apprenticeship, or on-the-job training.

### What You Should Do

Once you've chosen your program and school, please use the enclosed VA Form 22-1995 to tell us what they are. **Note:** Since all training facilities and programs aren't approved for VA benefits, please contact us to confirm the program is approved for education benefits before you enroll.

**You are responsible for ALL debts resulting from reductions or terminations of your enrollment even if the payment was submitted directly to the school on your behalf.**

### Career Counseling

If you are within six months of discharge, you may be eligible for VA's professional career counseling. For more information about career counseling, call 1-800-827-1000.

### Other Information

You should promptly notify your school's veterans certifying official and VA if there is any change in your enrollment. You are responsible for ALL debts resulting from reductions or terminations of your enrollment even if the payment was submitted directly to the school on your behalf. Generally, we can't pay you for—

- Courses you don't attend;
- Courses from which you withdraw; or
- Courses you complete but receive a grade that will not count towards graduation.

You may notify VA via

- The Internet by visiting [www.GIBILL.va.gov](http://www.GIBILL.va.gov) (click on Questions and Answers on the left side of the screen. You can then send VA a message using the Ask a Question tab); or
- Telephone by calling toll-free at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551);
- Postal mail by sending correspondence to the address at the top of this letter.