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Chapter 1606

Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserves

How do I qualify for CH 1606 MGIB-SR and when can I use it?

- Must have a 6-year contract in a reserve component
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must have completed initial training (IADT) or BOLC as an officer
- Officers may gain eligibility by signing Officer Service Agreement (DA 5447-R)
- Current rate is **\$481/mo** (FY25)
- 36 months of full-time benefit
- May be used with State Tuition Assistance and Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

How do I apply?

- Apply online at- www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/ (4-6 weeks to process)
- Notify school's veterans office you plan to use GI Bill
- Verify monthly attendance by automated text, phone, or <https://gibill.va.gov/wave/>
- Payment is tax free, direct deposited by Dept. of Veteran's Affairs

How can CH 1606 be terminated?

- Civilian Break in Service typically terminates eligibility
 - Medically discharged members who gained Ch1606 before 30 JUN 08 remain eligible for 14 years from their initial eligibility date
 - Medically discharged members who gained Ch1606 on 30 JUN 08 or later have 14 years to use the benefit following discharge
- Exceed time allowed in Inactive National Guard (ING)
 - 12 months for personal reasons
 - 36 months for missionary obligation
- Take a second break in ING or transfer to the IRR for greater than 1 year
- Unsatisfactory Participation
- Receive an ROTC scholarship under Title 10 USC Section 2107 (e.g. Dedicated Guard)