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Chapter 30

Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty

How do I qualify for CH 30 and when can I use it?

- Competed a qualifying period of active-duty service on or after 1 JUL 85
 - Service in a regular component of at least 2 years
 - Completion of at least 30 months of AGR tour
 - Completion of a mobilization of two years or more
 - Completion of 20 months of a 730-day mobilization and released early for convenience of the government.
- Submit \$1,200 Buy-In
 - If you are mobilized, you must pay the \$1,200 lump sum.
 - AGR and regular component soldiers may pay lump sum or monthly payments.
 - To Buy-In, contact the Education Support Team: arng.esc.ch30@army.mil
- You have 10 years from the last day of qualifying active duty to use this benefit.
 - Your 10-year delimiting date can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying service and submit a VA Form 21-4138 and DD214 to VA.
- Program will sunset 30 September 2030 (no new enrollments after that date)

What is the Plus-Up Option?

- OPTIONAL: You may contribute up to \$600 extra while serving in a period or qualifying active duty to increase your monthly rate by up to \$150.
 - For every \$20 you contribute, your monthly payment increases by \$5.
 - The additional payment does not apply while serving on active duty
 - To enroll, contact the Education Support Team: arng.esc.ch30@army.mil

How do I apply after I have bought in?

- 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

What are the Payment Tiers?

Active Duty Service	Monthly Rate (FY25)
At least 36 cumulative months	\$2,438.00
At least 24 consecutive months	\$1,978.00

- Payments are limited by several factors.
 - Payment tier
 - Rate of pursuit (full time, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, $\frac{1}{2}$ time)
 - Use of Federal or State Tuition
 - Active-duty status

Can I use Federal TA or the KYNG State TA and my CH 33 GI Bill at the same time?

- If you are a drilling soldier
 - Yes. You may use either tuition program as well as your CH30 GI Bill.
- If you are on qualifying active duty including AGR
 - CH 30 is paid as "Top-Up" only.
 - Top-Up means that CH 30 MGIB will be limited to the amount of tuition left unpaid after applying State TA and Federal TA.
 - Monthly payments cease once you receive the amount owed for tuition.
 - VA charges your GI Bill usage proportionately.

Can I switch to Post 9-11 GI Bill?

- Your active-duty service may also qualify for Post 9-11 GI Bill
 - Applying for Post 9-11 GI Bill for yourself or to transfer, may be an irrevocable election, service members are encouraged to seek counseling.
- The number of months of benefit can vary-
 - Active service before 1 AUG 11
 - 1 period may count for both CH30 MGIB and Post 9-11 GI Bill
 - May switch between CH30 MGIB and Post 9-11 for up to 48 months total.
 - Active service on or after 1 AUG 11
 - 1 period may count towards CH30 MGIB or Post 9-11, up to 36 months.
 - Multiple periods of AD may gain both programs, up to 48 months.
 - <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>