



FACT SHEET

Post-9/11 GI Bill

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Background

PHS Officers are eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, but the Post-9/11 GI Bill is advantageous for many and is the only educational benefit covered herein. If eligibility criteria for transfer are met, upon approval you may transfer your Post-9/11 GI bill benefits to your spouse, children, or any combination thereof at no charge (some restrictions apply). You may use the benefit for non-degree programs, “on-the-job” apprenticeship training, flight programs, and correspondence training.

Eligibility

- ▶ **New and important:** The Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 required public colleges to provide in-state tuition to veterans and eligible dependents in order for the school to remain eligible to receive G.I. Bill payments. A waiver was granted for terms beginning prior to January 1, 2016 so that schools have time to come into compliance.
- ▶ As a PHS Officer, you are eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits if you have served at least 90 days on active duty after September 10, 2001 or were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 10.
- ▶ Post-9/11 benefits are prorated based on the following eligibility tiers:

Individuals who serve an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	% of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days and discharge due to service-connected disability	100
At least 30 months (but fewer than 36 months)	90
At least 24 months (but fewer than 30)	80
At least 18 months (but fewer than 24)	70
At least 12 months (but fewer than 18)	60
At least 6 months (but fewer than 12)	50
At least 90 days (but fewer than 6 months)	40

Active duty PHS Officers may transfer their GI Bill benefits to an eligible family member if:

- ▶ They have served at least 6 years and agree to serve an additional 4 years of service or have served at least 10 years, are precluded by either standard policy or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agree to serve the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.
- ▶ To begin the process of transferring your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit, please see the instructions and forms at https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/forms/FORMS_education_benefits_m.aspx. If additional information is needed, contact the PHS Education Benefits Coordinator at phsdeersgibill@hhs.gov (preferred) or (240) 453-6130.

Highlights

Tuition and fee payment rates vary by type of school. The rates for 2015-2016 for Institutes of Higher Learning (i.e., college degree-granting programs) are as follow:

Type of School	Maximum Expenses Covered
Public	All tuition and fees for in-state student
Private or foreign	\$21,084.89

Other Post-9/11 benefits for which you or your dependents may qualify:

- ▶ Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) at E-5 w/dependents rate for school location
- ▶ Books/supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year
- ▶ One-time rural benefit of \$500, if qualified
- ▶ Yellow Ribbon program for those attending certain more expensive private schools or public schools as non-residents; may cover part or all of tuition and fees exceeding maximum listed above

Resources

- ▶ Review and apply for benefits at www.gibill.va.gov
- ▶ Determine current BAH rates at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm
- ▶ Yellow ribbon program: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp

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