



# Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Chapter 30 (MGIB-AD)

## 1. What is it?

- Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, contributed \$1,200, and received an honorable discharge. (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16)

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989
  - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate
  - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate
    - Must complete 24 months before use
  - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the government
- Pay a \$1,200 Buy-In
  - If you are an AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of \$100/month for 12 months.
  - If you are mobilized, you must pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum
  - To Buy-In, contact the GI Bill Support team at:  
**arnng.esc.ch30@mail.mil**

## 3. What Do I Get?

- A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on the amount of active duty time served
- Effective October 1, 2015:
  - 100% rate = \$1,789.00 per month
  - 80% rate = \$1,454.00 per month
- Payments are limited by several factors including:
  - Payment Tier
  - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
  - Use of Federal Tuition Assistance
  - Active Duty/Drilling Status

- You have ten years from your last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit
  - Your ten-year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time by submitting a VA Form 21-4138 along with your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center
- If on active duty, you can use the benefit as a Top-Up to your Federal Tuition Assistance
  - Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate
    - Example of Top-Up:  
Your total tuition is \$1,000 for 3 semester hours and you are at the 100% tier:  
-Federal Tuition Assistance will pay \$750  
-Ch 30 will pay \$250 balance for tuition and fees only
- OPTIONAL Plus-Up program
  - You may contribute up to an additional \$600 while on Active Duty orders
  - The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to \$150 per month (\$5 per month for every \$20 contributed)
  - Soldiers using CH30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment

#### 4. How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Go to <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>, submit Veterans Online Application
- ✓ Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment
- ✓ Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at:  
[www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)
- ✓ To elect the Plus Up option, contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at:  
[arnng.esc.ch30@mail.mil](mailto:arnng.esc.ch30@mail.mil)

#### *For More Information:*

- ❖ Visit [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
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