

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (AKA Chapter 1606)

Benefits

The MGIB – SR provides financial assistance to eligible persons for a wide variety of training programs. The MGIB – SR doesn't require service in the active Armed Forces in order to qualify.

Students may use this education assistance program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

Eligibility

Student must be currently in Reserves or National Guard. The reserve components decide who is eligible for the program. The VA makes the payments for the program and publish general information. VA does not make decisions about students' basic eligibility, and VA cannot pay benefits without eligibility information from the students' Reserve or Guard component.

Students' eligibility for the program normally ends on the day they leave the Selected Reserve.

One exception to this rule exists if they are mobilized (or recalled to active duty from their reserve status), in this case their eligibility may be extended for the amount of time they are mobilized PLUS four months. For example, if they are mobilized for 12 months their eligibility period is extended for 16 months (12 months active duty PLUS 4 months.) So even if they leave the reserves after mobilization, they may have additional eligibility to the MGIB-SR.

To qualify, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If they are an officer, they must have agreed to serve six years in addition to their original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990;
2. Complete their initial active duty for training (IADT);
3. Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. They may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement;
4. Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit. They will also retain MGIB - SR eligibility if they were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct. Their eligibility period may be extended if they are ordered to active duty.

Applying

The student's unit will give them a DD Form 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility, when they become eligible for the program. Their unit will also code their eligibility into the Department of Defense personnel system so that VA may verify their eligibility.

The student should then make sure that their selected program is approved for VA training. If they are not clear on this point, VA will inform them and the school or company about the requirements.

Obtain and complete [VA Form 22-1990](#), Application for Education Benefits. Send it to the VA regional office (Buffalo) with jurisdiction over the State where they will train.

If they have started training, take the application and Notice of Basic Eligibility to the SCO. Ask them to complete VA Form [22-1999](#), Enrollment Certification, and send all the forms to VA.

http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/montgomery_gibill/selected_reserve.html