

ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
**VETERANS**

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

UNDERSTANDING YOUR GI
BILL/EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Chapter 30)
 - Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

MONTGOMERY GI BILL ELIGIBILITY

Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

You can get benefits through MGIB-AD if you served at least 2 years on active duty and you meet all of these requirements.

- **All of these must be true:**
 - You were honorably discharged, **and**
 - You have a high school diploma, GED, or 12 hours of college credit, **and**
 - You meet other requirements
- **Note:** If you have only 1 period of service that begins on or after August 1, 2011, and you start receiving payments for MGIB-AD, you may lose your eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

MONTGOMERY GI BILL ELIGIBILITY CONT.

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

You can get benefits through MGIB-SR if you're a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserves, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, and you meet all of these requirements.

- **All of these must be true:**

- You have either a 6-year service obligation (you agreed to serve 6 years) in the Selected Service, **or**
- You're an officer in the Selected Reserve who agreed to serve 6 years in addition to your initial service obligation, **and**
- You meet other requirements

MONTGOMERY GI BILL ACTIVE DUTY PAYMENTS

For on-the-job training and apprenticeships

This is how much we'll pay you each month based on how far along you are in your training:

- **Months 1 to 6:** \$1,768.50 for each full month
- **Months 7 to 12:** \$1,296.90 for each full month
- **After the first year:** \$825.30 for each full month

* Rates for October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024

MONTGOMERY GI BILL SELECTED RESERVES PAYMENT

For on-the-job training and apprenticeships

This is how much we'll pay you each month based on how far along you are in your training:

- **Months 1 to 6:** \$329.25 for each full month
- **Months 7 to 12:** \$241.45 for each full month
- **After the first year:** \$153.65 for each full month
- **Note:** To get the full amount listed here, you must have worked at least 120 hours each month. As your payments go down, your entitlement charges also go down.

VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) ELIGIBILITY

VR&E, also referred to as the Chapter 31 program, provides services to eligible Service members and Veterans with service-connected disabilities and an employment handicap to help them to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment.

You're eligible to apply for VR&E benefits and services if you meet both of these requirements:

- **All of these must be true:**
- You didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **and**
- You have a service-connected disability rating of at least 20% and determined to have an employment handicap, or rated 10% and determined to have a serious employment handicap
- When we receive your VR&E application, we'll schedule your initial evaluation with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC). The VRC will determine if you're entitled to receive VR&E benefits and services.

VR&E SERVICES

Depending on your needs and goals, services may include:

- A complete evaluation to determine your abilities, skills, and interests for employment
- Professional or vocational counseling and rehabilitation planning for employment services
- Employment services such as job training, resume development, and other work-readiness support
- Help finding and keeping a job, including the use of special employer incentives and job accommodations
- On-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences
- Post-secondary education and training at a college, vocational, technical, or business school
- Supportive rehabilitation services including case management, counseling, and medical referrals
- Independent living services to help you live as independently as possible

VR&E MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Type of Training	Training Time	No Dependents	One Dependent	Two Dependents	Each Additional Dependent
Farm Cooperative, Apprenticeship or other On-Job Training*:	Full-Time Only	\$671.84	\$812.47	\$926.35	\$60.89

*For On-Job Training, training wage plus subsistence allowance cannot exceed the journeyman wage

POST 9/11 ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for 100% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits

- You're eligible for 100% of the full benefit if you meet at least 1 of these requirements:
- You served on active duty for a total of at least 1,095 days (at least 36 months), **or**
- You served on active duty and received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001, **or**
- You served on active duty for at least 30 continuous days (without a break), and we discharged you because of a service-connected disability

POST 9/11 ELIGIBILITY CONT.

Eligibility for a percentage of benefits if you served less than 36 months:

- If you served on active duty for less than 1,095 days (36 months), you're eligible for only part of the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit. Find out what percentage of the full benefit you're eligible for based on the total amount of time you served on active duty (with or without breaks in service):
- **910 to 1,094 days (30 to 35 months):** 90% of the full benefit
- **730 to 909 days (24 to 29 months):** 80% of the full benefit
- **545 to 729 days (18 to 23 months):** 70% of the full benefit
- **180 to 544 days (6 to 17 months):** 60% of the full benefit
- **90 to 179 days (90 days to 5 months):** 50% of the full benefit

POST 9/11 MONTHLY PAYMENTS

Both on-the-job (OJT) and apprenticeship training programs are available for Veterans using their VA education benefits, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill. These programs allow Veterans to learn a trade or skill through training on the job rather than attending formal classroom instruction. A Veteran generally enters into a training contract for a specific period with an employer or union, and at the end of the training period, the Veteran gains job certification or journeyman status. Veterans in an approved program can use their GI Bill benefit and receive a tax-free stipend. The Post-9/11 GI Bill stipend is the equivalent of the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) of an E-5 with dependents, which is paid in addition to the entry-level wage. The stipend is reduced 20% every six months thereafter as the Veteran's wages regularly increase until the Veteran has attained journeyman status and pay.

POST 9/11 GI BILL EXAMPLE

Months	Percent of Mechanic Pay	*Monthly Pay (pre-tax)	GI Bill Percentage	**Monthly Housing Allowance (non-taxable)	Total Gross Pay per Month	***Book Stipend
0-6	50%	\$4,400	100%	\$1,833	\$6,233	\$1,000
7-12	55%	\$4,840	80%	\$1,466	\$6,306	
13-18	65%	\$5,720	60%	\$1,099	\$6,819	\$1,000
19-24	65%	\$5,720	40%	\$733	\$6,453	
25-36	70%	\$6,160	20%	\$366	\$6,526	\$1,000
37-48	80%	\$7,040	20%	\$366	\$7,406	\$1,000

*Based on \$55/hr Mechanic Pay, 40 hr work week for 4 weeks

**Based on 2023 national average Monthly Housing Allowance Rate (\$1,833/month)

***The VA will pay up to \$1,000 at the start of each academic year for books and supplies

APPLY FOR BENEFITS

- Applications can be done through paper or online (recommended)
- Online applications can be started by following [this link](#)
 - Once here, click on the green button titled “Find your education benefits form”
- Once application is complete, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility
 - Bring this to the Part-Time Administrator at your Local
- You can also apply using the paper form found [here](#)
 - Please note this method often takes longer

What documents and information do I need to apply?

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Education and military history
- Basic information about the school or training facility you want to attend or are attending now

How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

[Find your education benefits form](#) ▾

RESOURCES

- To view benefits, payment history, and other resources available to you, log onto www.va.gov, create an account, and log in to view your profile
- The Application for Veteran Readiness and Employment for Claimants with Service-Connected Disabilities is attached [here](#)
- For questions, contact your EC-VAP Reps [here](#)
- GI Bill Hotline
 - 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)
- VA Benefits Hotline
 - 800-698-2411