



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve

The Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606) is an education program. It provides up to 36 months of education benefits to members of the Selected Reserve. This includes the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Reserves. It also includes the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

Eligible reserve members may use education benefits for the following:

- College, business, technical or vocational school
- On-the-job training and apprenticeship programs License or certification costs
- Tuition assistance Correspondence courses
- National tests

And in some cases:

- Remedial, deficiency and refresher training
- Flight training

To find out if your school or program is approved for benefits under MGIB-SR, visit <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be eligible if all of the following are true:

- After June 30, 1985, you signed a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve.
 - You completed your Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT).
 - You got your high school diploma or GED before you completed your IADT.
- You are in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve unit.

Generally, benefits end when you leave the Selected Reserves. Eligibility may be extended if you were unable to train due to a service-related disability.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit is based on the type of training. If you are attending school, your payment is based on training time (full-time, half-time, etc.). For the Educational Assistance Allowance, see the current rate tables:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp.

Once you find a VA-approved training program, you can apply online:

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>.

Our Education Call Center is available at 1-888-442-4551, or 001-918-781-5678 if calling from overseas, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CST.

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