



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

MGIB-SR INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606 of Title 10, U.S.C.) has been approved. The following monthly rates are effective October 1, 2004.

YOU NEED TAKE NO ACTION. However, if for some reason your payment for the month of October does not reflect the increased rate, contact us at 1-888-GI-BILL1 (1-888-442-4551). You can also contact us on the Internet at "www.gibill.va.gov".

NEW MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS TRAINING UNDER THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE				
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE- QUARTER TIME	ONE HALF- TIME	LESS THAN HALF-TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$288.00	\$216.00	\$143.00	\$71.75
COOPERATIVE	\$288.00 (Full Time Only)			
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$288.00 Paid.			
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	First 6 Months		\$216.00	
	Second 6 Months		\$158.40	
	Remainder of Program		\$100.80	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$288.00 Paid.			

VA FORM **22-0291a** Supersedes VA Form 22-0291a,
Sep 2003 which will not be used

REMINDER CONCERNING MONTHLY VERIFICATIONS: You can now submit your monthly verifications by touch tone telephone at 1-877-823-2378 (toll free) OR connect to our Internet site at www.gibill.va.gov and follow the link to the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) program. If your enrollment has changed during the month, you must verify your enrollment through the WAVE program.

Sincerely Yours,

Education Officer



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

CHAPTER 30 INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE

The annual cost of living increase in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Ch. 30 of title 38 U.S.C.) has been approved. The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2004.

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NEW BASIC MONTHLY RATES			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER TIME	ONE-HALF TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$1,004.00	\$753.00	\$502.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$502.00 for Less Than Half-Time But More Than One-Quarter Time and \$251.00 For One-Quarter Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$1,004.00 (Full Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$1,004.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	First 6 Months	\$753.00	
	Second 6 Months	\$552.20	
	Remainder of Program	\$351.40	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$1,004.00 Paid.		

BASIC RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL ACTIVE DUTY OBLIGATION WAS LESS THAN THREE YEARS, AND WHO SERVED LESS THAN THREE YEARS (EXCLUDING 2 X 4 PARTICIPANTS)			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER TIME	ONE-HALF TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$816.00	\$612.00	\$408.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and Fees, Not to Exceed the Rate of \$408.00 For Less Than Half-Time But More Than One-Quarter Time and \$204.00 For One-Quarter Time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$816.00 (Full Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$816.00 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE-JOB TRAINING	First 6 Months	\$612.00	
	Second 6 Months	\$448.80	
	Remainder of Program	\$285.60	
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged At The Rate Of One Month For Each \$816.00 paid		

BASIC INSTITUTIONAL RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FULL	\$1,192.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,259.00	\$16.00
THREE-QUARTER	\$894.50	\$921.00	\$944.50	\$12.00
ONE-HALF	\$596.00	\$614.00	\$629.50	\$8.50
LESS THAN ONE-HALF BUT MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$596.00			
ONE-QUARTER	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$298.00			
COOPERATIVE	\$1,192.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,259.00	\$16.00

BASIC JOB TRAINING RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.				
TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FIRST 6 MONTHS	\$855.75	\$868.13	\$879.00	\$5.25
SECOND 6 MONTHS	\$608.58	\$617.93	\$625.63	\$3.85
THIRD 6 MONTHS	\$375.20	\$381.33	\$386.05	\$2.45
REMAINDER	\$363.30	\$369.08	\$374.33	\$2.45

NOTE: Your monthly check may include a "kicker". "Kickers" are amounts contributed by DOD (Department of Defense) to an education fund on behalf of individuals to encourage enlistment or retention in the Armed Forces, usually in specialized areas. VA only pays "kickers" to individuals authorized by DOD. If your payment includes a "kicker", the kicker is not increased but the basic rate is increased.

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**INCREASED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE
UNDER CHAPTER 35**

The annual cost of living in Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35 of title 38, U.S.C.) has been approved. The following monthly rates are effective October 1, 2004.

YOU NEED TAKE NO ACTION. However, if for some reason your payment for the month of October does not reflect the increased rate, contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

You can also contact us on the Internet at "www.gibill.va.gov".

NEW MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS TRAINING UNDER THE SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM			
TYPE OF TRAINING	FULL TIME	THREE-QUARTER TIME	ONE HALF-TIME
INSTITUTIONAL	\$803	\$603	\$401
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition Cost. Not to Exceed the rate of \$401 for Less Than Half Time But More Than One-Quarter Time and \$200.75 for One-Quarter Time.		
FARM COOPERATIVE	\$648	\$486	\$325
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at Rate of One Month for each \$803 Paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP ON-THE JOB TRAINING	\$585 \$438 \$291 \$147	First 6 months Second 6 months Third 6 months Remainder of Program	
SPECIAL RESTORATIVE TRAINING	\$803		
Accelerated Charges - Cost of Tuition and Fees in Excess of	\$251		
Entitlement Reduced 1 day for Each	\$26.77 (1/30th of Full Time Rate)		

VA FORM **22-0325a** Supersedes VA Form 22-0325a, Sep 2003 which will not be used

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Education Officer

Subsistence, or training allowance, for a Vocational Rehabilitation training program.

In some cases, a veteran requires additional education or training to become employable. A subsistence allowance is paid each month during training and is based on the rate of attendance (full-time or part-time), the number of dependents, and the type of training. The charts shown below reflect the rates as of **October 1, 2004**.

**Based Upon 2.0% Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase
Chapter 31 Subsistence Allowance Rates As of October 1, 2004**

The following Subsistence Allowance rates are paid for training in an *Institution of Higher Learning*

Number of Dependents	Full Time	Three Quarter Time	One Half Time
No Dependents	\$ 474.27	\$ 356.36	\$ 238.45
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 441.86	\$ 295.44
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$518.31	\$ 347.27
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 38.86	\$ 25.93

Subsistence Allowance is paid for full time training only, in the following training programs: *Non-pay or nominal pay on-job training in a federal, state, local, or federally recognized Indian tribe agency; training in the home; vocational course in a rehabilitation facility or sheltered workshop; institutional non-farm cooperative.*

Number of Dependents	Full Time
No Dependents	\$ 474.27
One Dependent	\$ 588.30
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54

**The following rates are paid for Work Experience programs:
Non-pay or nominal pay work experience in a federal, state, local or federally recognized Indian tribe agency.**

Number of Dependents	Full Time	Three Quarter Time	One Half Time
No Dependents	\$ 474.27	\$ 356.36	\$ 238.45
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 441.86	\$ 295.44
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$518.31	\$ 347.27
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 38.86	\$ 25.93

Subsistence Allowance is paid for full time training only in the following training programs: *Farm Cooperative, Apprenticeship, or other On-Job Training:*

Number of Dependents	Full Time
No Dependent	\$ 414.67
One Dependent	\$ 501.46
Two Dependents	\$ 577.92
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 37.59

Subsistence Allowance is paid at the following rates for combined training programs: *Combination of Institutional and On-Job Training (Full Time Rate Only):*

Number of Dependents	Institutional Greater than One Half	On-the-Job Greater than One Half
No Dependent	\$ 474.27	\$ 414.67
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 501.46
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$ 577.92
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 37.59

Subsistence Allowance is paid at the following rates for Non-farm Cooperative Training: *Non-farm Cooperative Institutional Training and Non-farm Cooperative On-Job Training - Full Time Rate Only:*

Number of Dependents	FT Non-Farm Coop/Institutional	FT Non-Farm Coop/On-the-Job
No Dependent	\$ 474.27	\$ 414.67
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 501.46
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$ 577.92
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 37.59

Subsistence Allowance is paid at the following rates for Independent Living programs: A subsistence allowance is paid each month during the period of enrollment in a rehabilitation facility when a veteran is pursuing an approved Independent Living Program plan. Subsistence allowance paid during a period of Independent Living Services is based on rate of pursuit and number of dependents. Independent Living subsistence allowance rates:

Number of Dependents	Full Time	Three Quarter Time	One Half Time
No Dependents	\$ 474.27	\$ 356.36	\$ 238.45
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 441.86	\$ 295.44
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$518.31	\$ 347.27
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 38.86	\$ 25.93

Subsistence Allowance is paid at the following rates for Extended Evaluation programs: A subsistence allowance is paid each month during the period of enrollment in a rehabilitation facility when a veteran requires this service for the purpose of extended evaluation. Subsistence allowance during a period of extended evaluation is paid based on the rate of attendance and the number of dependents. Extended Evaluation program subsistence allowance rates:

Number of Dependents	Full Time	Three Quarter Time	One Half Time	On Quarter Time
No Dependents	\$ 474.27	\$ 356.36	\$ 238.45	\$ 119.21
One Dependent	\$ 588.30	\$ 441.86	\$ 295.44	\$ 147.72
Two Dependents	\$ 693.25	\$518.31	\$ 347.27	\$ 173.63
Each Additional Dependent	\$ 50.54	\$ 38.86	\$ 25.93	\$ 12.93