

Veteran Affairs Selective Reserve

- **Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill® – Selective Reserve**

Available for members of the Selective Reserve, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. Initial active duty for training must be complete and you must be an active reservist with a six-year obligation. You may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of educational benefits and your eligibility for the program normally ends on the day you leave the Selective Reserve. See https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp for additional information. Go to https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp#ch1606 for current payment rates.

- **Chapter 1607: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)**

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2016 ended REAP on November 25, 2015. Some individuals will remain eligible for REAP benefits until November 25, 2019, while others are no longer eligible for REAP benefits.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill in many ways has replaced REAP because it also provides educational assistance benefits for Reserve and National Guard members called to active duty on or after September 11, 2001, and in many cases provides a greater benefit than REAP.

Current REAP beneficiaries -- Veterans who were attending an educational institution on November 24, 2015, or during the last semester, quarter, or term ending prior to that date, are eligible to continue to receive REAP benefits until November 25, 2019.

REAP beneficiaries not attending school -- Veterans who applied for REAP but were not attending an educational institution on November 24, 2015, or during the last semester, quarter, or term ending prior to that date, are no longer eligible to receive REAP benefits. You may be eligible to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

New REAP applicants – Veterans who have not enrolled in school and applied for REAP benefits prior to November 25, 2015, are no longer eligible for REAP benefits. However, in most cases, you will be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

For more information on REAP, go to <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp>.

To apply for VA benefits online and for complete information, go to the www.va.gov. With a va.gov account, you can apply and manage VA benefits you have earned as a Veteran, Service-member, or family member – like healthcare, disability, education, pension, and more.

Louisiana National Guard members may be exempt from tuition at any state-funded college or university for 5 years or a bachelor's degree; whichever comes first. For more information visit <http://geauxguard.la.gov/> or call 1-800-GOGUARD.

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