

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: The Effect of Mobilization on ARNG Education Benefits

1. Purpose. To provide an overview of the effect a mobilization has on ARNG education benefits.

2. Facts:

a. MGIB Overview. ARNG Soldiers who are mobilized, remain eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), Chapter 1606, Title 10, United States Code (USC) or the Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD), Chapter 30, Title 38, USC, if they were entitled to the benefit prior to the mobilization. Mobilized Soldiers also may be eligible for Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), Chapter 1607. To review GI Bill information go to www.gibill.va.gov.

b. REAP Eligibility. REAP is an education assistance program established on 28 October 2004 in recognition of Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers' sacrifices in answering the call to duty. Soldiers that served on or after 11 September 2001 for 90 consecutive days or more may be eligible to receive REAP benefits. Soldiers must remain in the Selected Reserve (drilling status) to use REAP with the exception of one 90 day break in service but the Soldier must remain in either the IRR or ING. A Soldier's previous use of other GI Bill programs may affect eligibility and amount of total benefits.

c. MGIB-SR Extension. ARNG Soldiers who are eligible for the MGIB-SR who are federally mobilized will get the period of the mobilization plus 4 months added to their MGIB-SR benefit after the mobilization. To get the additional time added, Soldiers must send a copy of their DD Form 214 and an extension request to their Department of Veteran's Administration (DVA) Regional Processing Office (RPO). The extension request must be have an original signature.

d. MGIB-AD Extension. ARNG Soldiers who are eligible for the MGIB-AD (regardless if their original 10 year delimiting period has expired or not) who are federally mobilized and serve 90 continuous days or more will have a new 10 year delimiting period established at the point of their latest discharge from active duty. To have the new delimiting period established, Soldiers must send a copy of their DD Form 214 and a letter with the statement "I want to re-open my 10 year window based off my mobilization" to their DVA RPO and request a determination of their new eligibility period. The extension request must be have an original signature.

e. MGIB-AD Enrollment. ARNG Soldiers who are federally mobilized and serve for at least 2 years of continuous active duty (Title 10 or Title 32) may qualify for the MGIB-AD program. These Soldiers should consult with GI Bill Support Team at GIBILL.CH30@pec.ngb.army.mil within 1 year after REFRAD for determination of eligibility and to pay the required \$1,200 lump sum contribution if determined eligible for MGIB-AD. Soldiers are also eligible to contribute the additional \$600 contribution (PLUS UP). If electing MGIB-AD based off a mobilization, Soldier's acknowledgment of choosing CH 30 over CH 1607 is important due to making an irrevocable decision between the two benefits. ADSW does not count towards MGIB-AD.

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f. PLUS UP- Additional Contribution. ARNG Soldiers who are eligible for the MGIB-AD who are federally mobilized are eligible to add up to \$600 lump sum contribution to their MGIB-AD account and receive up to an additional \$5,400 in benefits. To make the election and contribute the additional funds, Soldiers must work with the GI Bill Support Team at GIBILL.CH30@pec.ngb.army.mil while still on active duty or shortly thereafter. The online election will complete the DD Form 2366-1 and will remain on file at the GI Bill Team. The Soldier is responsible to submit the additional funds to the ARNG GI Bill Support Team in the form of a cashier's check or money order in a timely manner. The DD 2366-1 and a cash collection voucher will be sent to the Soldier via email. The Soldier should also maintain copy of both the DD 2366-1 and Cash Collection Voucher for submission/evidence when applying to use their benefits with the DVA. Both transactions must be done through the GI Bill Support Team.

g. Tuition Assistance – Enlisted. ARNG enlisted Soldiers who are federally mobilized are not eligible for ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) but are eligible for Army Continuing Education Service (ACES) Tuition Assistance (TA) available from their servicing active Army Education Center. Exceptions: 1) If ARNG member is enrolled in school and ARNG FTA has already been authorized for the current session and member is subsequently mobilized (member elects to remain in classes), then ARNG may pay for that semester, but not follow-on courses while mobilized. 2) If a mobilized ARNG member enrolls in courses, but ACES denies active Army TA because enlisted member does not have sufficient active duty service obligation remaining prior to course end date; then, ARNG FTA may be authorized. 3) All other cases require NGB FTA program manager approval.

h. Tuition Assistance – Officers. ARNG officers who are federally mobilized remain eligible for ARNG FTA because they may not be eligible for ACES TA due to the required 2-year active duty service obligation incurred after using ACES TA (from course end date).

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