

Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

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1. What Is It?

- Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, had pay reduced by \$1,200, and received an honorable discharge (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16).

2. How Do I Qualify?

- Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989.
 - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate.
 - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate.
- Must complete 24 months before use
 - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the gov't. Have pay reduced by \$1,200
 - If you are AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of \$100/month for 12 months.
 - If you are eligible due to a mobilization, you must pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum.

3. What Do I Get?

- A monthly payment paid directly to the Airman based on amount of active duty served.
- Effective October 1, 2019:
 - 3+ yrs of service = \$2,050.00 per month
 - 2-3 yrs of service = \$1,664.00 per month
- Payments are limited by several factors, including:
 - Payment Tier
 - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
 - Active Duty/Drilling Status
- You have ten years from your last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit.
 - Your 10-year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time.
 - Submit a VA Form 21-4138 and your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center.
- If on active duty, you can use the MGIB-AD as a “Top-Up” to your Federal Tuition Assistance.
 - Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate.
- Example of Top-Up: Your total tuition is \$1,000 for three semester hours and you are at the 100% tier:
 - Federal Tuition Assistance will pay \$750.
 - Ch 30 will pay the \$250 balance (tuition and fees only).

OPTIONAL Plus-Up Program

- You may contribute up to an additional \$600 ONLY while on Active Duty orders.
- The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to \$150 per month (\$5 per month for every \$20 contributed).
- Airmen using Ch 30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment.
- To elect the Plus Up option, contact the VA for GI Bill Support: 888-442-4551

4. How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.gov
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Verify your enrollment each month online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave

For more information:

Visit www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

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