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# Post-911 GI Bill Transferability Fact Sheet

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The following is the official Department of Defense Fact Sheet on Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability

A special provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill program allows career servicemembers the opportunity to share their education benefits with immediate family members.

Note: The following information represents the current DoD policy, which is subject to change.

### Eligible Individuals

Any member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted) on or after August 1, 2009, who is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and

- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces from the date of election.
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or selected reserve) on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute, or
  - Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period from August 1, 2009, through August 1, 2013. A service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he or she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009, no additional service is required.
    - For those individuals who have an approved retirement date after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, no additional service is required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, 1 year of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, 2 years of additional service after approval of transfer are required.
    - For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, 3 years of additional service after approval of transfer required.

### Eligible Family Members

An individual approved to transfer an entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer the individual's entitlement to:

- The individual's spouse.
- One or more of the individual's children.
- Any combination of spouse and child.
- A family member must be enrolled in the [Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System \(DEERS\)](#) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits.
- A child's subsequent marriage will not affect his or her eligibility to receive the educational benefit; however, after an individual has designated a child as a transferee under this section, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.
- A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits; however, after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee under

### TIP

Be sure to contact your service branch to learn more about transferability and the VA for any specific questions about your eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Call them at 1-888-GIBILL-1.

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#### Transferred GI Bill Benefit Details

An eligible Service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, or the entire 36 months if the member has used none.

Family member use of transferred educational benefits is subject to the following:

- Spouse:
  - May start to use the benefit immediately.
  - May use the benefit while the member remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
  - Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books and supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty.
  - Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.
  
- Child:
  - May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces.
  - May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the Armed Forces or after separation from active duty.
  - May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reached 18 years of age.
  - Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books and supplies stipend even though the eligible individual is on active duty.
  - Is not subject to the 15-year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age.

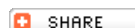
Here is what can be transferred:

If You Are:	You Qualify for:	Tuition and Fees	Monthly Housing Stipend	Book Stipend	Certification Exams
A Spouse of an Active Duty Member		100%			X
A Spouse of a Guard or Reserve Member		X	X	X	X
A Spouse of Veteran		X	X	X	X
A Child of an Active Duty Member		X	X	X	X
A Child of a Guard or Reserve Member		X	X	X	X
A Child of Veteran		X	X	X	X

#### Applying to Transfer GOI Bill Benefits


Eligible service members may make transfer designations by visiting <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>. Currently the application may be accessed only with Internet Explorer. A copy of the transferability policy in pdf format is available [here](#).

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