

Things to Consider before converting to Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33):

- If you will be enrolled in an entirely distance or independent study program, CH 33 will not pay the monthly Basic Housing Allowance (BAH). You will be limited to tuition and fees up to the highest undergraduate in-state maximum rate in addition to the books and supplies stipend.
- If you will be enrolled at a rate of pursuit of 1/2 time or less, CH 33 will not pay the monthly BAH. You will be limited to tuition and fees up to the highest undergraduate in-state maximum rate in addition to the books and supplies stipend.
- If you are on active duty CH 33 will pay the ENTIRE cost of your tuition and fees, but you will not receive BAH or the books and supplies stipend.
- If you did not serve 36 months on active duty after 9/10/01, your payment rate under CH 33 may be less than your payment rate under other benefit programs.
- If, when you apply for CH 33, you have remaining entitlement under a different program, such as CH 1607 or CH 30, you will be required to make an irrevocable decision to give up one of the other benefits. Special note for those who have remaining CH 30 benefits: If you are converting to CH 33 from CH 30 in order to receive additional eligibility (up to 12 months) under CH 33, you must exhaust all your benefits under CH 30 before applying. If you choose to convert to CH 33 from CH 30 while you have remaining entitlement, you will be limited to the number of months that you have remaining. Example: you have 6 months of CH 30 benefits remaining as of 8/1/09. If you switch to CH 33 on 8/1/09, you will only receive 6 months of CH 33. If you use all your CH 30 benefits, and then switch to CH 33, you will receive up to 12 months of benefits under CH 33.
- Under CH 33, you can only receive reimbursement for one licensing or certification test. Additionally, certain programs may not be covered, such as On the Job and Apprenticeship Training, Flight Training, Correspondence, National Testing Programs, and Entrepreneurship Training. Benefits for non-college degree (NCD) programs can only be paid if you are enrolled in an NCD at an institution that also grants degrees.*

* Individuals electing the Post-9/11 GI Bill by relinquishing eligibility under the MGIB, MGIB-SR, or REAP can be paid benefits for these types of training. Entitlement is charged under Post-9/11, paid at the relinquished benefit rate.