

# Veterans!

## Use your GI Bill for On-The-Job Training or Apprenticeship while working!!

If you are a Veteran, National Guard member, selected reservist or an eligible dependent of a veteran, you may be eligible to receive a monthly educational benefit check from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs!

**What is On-The-Job Training or Apprenticeship?** On-The-Job Training (OJT) or Apprenticeship (APP) is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages. Approvable OJT/APP programs must be at least six months in duration and may last up to five years in length. Thousand of occupations qualify, both entry-level and management positions.

**Time Limits.** Approval of a program may be backdated up to one year. As a general rule, veterans have 10 years after their separation from service to use their GI Bill benefits (15 years for Chapter 33). GI Bill benefits are paid directly to the veteran (or eligible dependent) and are **TAX FREE!!**

Can you answer “YES!” to any of the following? YOU may qualify!

- I am currently serving in the National Guard or Reserve.
- I served on Active Duty after July, 1985 and paid \$1200 into the Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill.
- I served on Active Duty after 9/11/01 and qualify for the Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch33).
- I had a GI Bill a long time ago, left the military, but then I got recalled (or re-joined) and deployed.
- My spouse or parent has a 100% permanent & total service connected disability or their death was service-connected.
- My spouse or parent transferred some of their Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch33) benefits to me.

### How On-the-Job Training Works

The employer and the veteran agree on a training plan of at least 6 months long, leading to new skills. The employer or veteran contacts the State Approving Agency for Veterans Education Programs for assistance or review and approval. The veteran applies to the Veterans Administration for monthly benefits to which s/he is entitled. The employer maintains work and training records, evaluates the trainee's progress, and certifies the trainee's hours to the VA each month.



## **“So how much money would I get?”**

**That depends on which type of GI Bill you qualify for and how long your training program is. The chart below shows the different monthly payment rates.**

**(rates effective 1 Oct 12)**

### **Chapter 30 Monthly rates**

First six months of training \$1,173	Second six months of training \$860	Remaining pursuit of training \$547
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### **Chapter 1606 Monthly rates**

First six months of training \$267	Second six months of training \$195	Remaining pursuit of training \$124
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### **Chapter 1607 Monthly rates**

First six months of training \$469-\$938	Second six months of training \$344-\$688	Remaining pursuit of training \$218-\$437
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### **Chapter 35 Monthly rates**

First six months of training \$720	Second six months \$540	Third six months \$356	Remaining pursuit of training \$180
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### **Chapter 33 Monthly rates (Based on the zip code of the training facility and prorated for benefit level)**

First six months 100%	Second six months 80%	Third six months 60%	Fourth six months 40%	Remaining pursuit of training 20%
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(Sample 100% Housing Rates: Portland-\$1,449; Brunswick-\$954; Bangor-\$1,137; Presque Isle-\$948)

## **“Is there a bunch of paperwork that my boss would have to do?”**

**Nope. We do most of it for you. We’ve got a one-page questionnaire that we can complete over the phone. That gives us the information we need to complete the necessary paperwork. Once we’ve completed it, we’ll send it to your employer for review and some signatures. The only requirement is for the employer to send a letter to the VA each month certifying your actual hours worked and maintain training records.**

## **“So who do I contact? How do I start the process?”**

**Talk to your employer to get their support. We’d be happy to speak with your employer as well to answer any questions they may have.**

**Contact: Robert B. Haley, Director  
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For more information regarding the various GI Bills, how to apply for benefits, approved programs, and other education and training resources, visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)