

COMPARISON OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A comprehensive comparison can be found on the GI Bill® website at the following link:
http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison_chart.asp

	CH 33	CH 30	CH 35	CH 1606	CH 1607 *
ELIGIBILITY	Eligibility criteria are complex. The following statements are general snippets about eligibility criteria. Students should file an application so the Regional Processing Office can determine if they are eligible and the conditions of their eligibility.				
	Servicepersons who served on active duty for at least 90 aggregate days after 9/10/01.	2 years active duty, 3 years active duty, or 2 years active duty plus 4 years reserves.	Veteran's death or permanent and total disability result of service.	Completion of initial active duty for training. Must be active reservist with 6-year obligation.	90 days or more active duty support of contingency operation or full-time National Guard duty responding to national emergency.
BENEFITS FOR INSERVICE STUDENT	<i>Refer to the specific benefit for detailed information</i>				
	Eligible after completing 90 days of aggregate service.	Payable after 2 years continuous active duty.	No	Yes	Yes
ENTITLEMENT	48 months maximum under two or more programs				
	36 months. May extend to end of term if expires during term. Note: If there's a kicker, the kicker doesn't extend.	36 months. May extend to end of term if expires during term. Note: If there's a kicker, the kicker doesn't extend.	45 months. No extensions except for child in special restorative training.	36 months. No extensions.	36 months. No extensions.
DELIMITING DATE	15 years from last discharge or separation.	10 years from last discharge or separation. May extend for later period of active duty or disability that prevents completion of program.	Child: 8 years Spouse: 10 years. 20 years if vet rated permanent and total within 3 years of discharge. Surviving Spouse: 10 years. 20 years if death while on active. Eligibility rules are complex. Claimant should carefully read eligibility letter and call VA if questions and see online pamphlet: DEA pamphlet	14 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve. May extend if disability incurred or aggravated by service in selected reserve prevents completion of program.	10 years from the separation date if separated after completing service contract and discharge isn't dishonorable. 10 years from Chapter 1607 eligibility date if separated for disability.

* CH 1607 has officially been sunset by the VA. Veterans are not eligible to use CH 1607, unless they were continuously enrolled and using it during 2015. No further entitlement payout will occur after NOV. 25, 2019.