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VA: 1-888-442-4551, <https://ask.va.gov/>, www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)

How do I qualify to Transfer Education Benefits (TEB)?

- Be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill at any payment tier
- Currently serving in the Armed Forces
- Have completed 6 years' service or more
 - At this time there is no maximum limit to years of service
- Not currently flagged, undergoing MEB board, or retention board
- Agree to a service obligation of 4 years from date of transfer
- Purple Heart recipients may transfer regardless of time in service or board status, and no longer incur a service obligation.

Who can I transfer my benefits to?

- Spouse and children listed in DEERS
- Children must be under 21 to show as eligible (or under 23 if in college)

When may my dependents use the benefit?

- The benefit may be immediately available to use after the transfer is approved.
- Your spouse is subject to the same usage rules as you.
 - If you were discharged from active duty before 1 JAN 2013, your spouse has up to 15 years following that discharge to use the benefit.
 - For active duty discharges 1 JAN 2013 or later, your spouse's benefit has no end date and may be used until exhausted.
 - Spouses of soldiers on active duty (including AGR) may use the benefit but are NOT eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill Housing Stipend.
- Your child:
 - Cannot use the benefit until you have completed 10 years of service.
 - May begin using the benefit at age 18 or following HS graduation.
 - Is eligible for the Housing Stipend regardless of soldier's active status.
 - Child's eligibility ends on their 26th birthday (or earlier if you specify).

How do I transfer my Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefit?

- **Caution:** Milconnect lets everyone enter 36 months of benefit, even if they don't have that much remaining. If you've used any GI Bill programs previously, contact the KYNG Education Office or VA to help determine how many months you actually have available to transfer.
- Soldiers must first extend their ETS if they don't have 4 years' service remaining
 - Soldiers who fail to extend their ETS or are unable to do so (e.g. age, MRD, QRB, etc) will have their request cancelled.
- Log onto MilConnect at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
 - Select "Transfer my education benefits"
 - Enter number of months for each dependent
 - Contact DEERS office if dependents are missing or need to be enrolled
 - Do not enter a transfer end date (unless you wish to shorten their usage)
 - Review and check to acknowledge each transferability rule listed
 - Select "Submit Request" and wait for green confirmation box to appear.

Can I make changes after the transfer is approved?

- Yes, you may return to Milconnect and modify the number of months entered.
- While serving, you may enter new transfers to other dependents, with no additional service obligation. It is recommended you transfer months to each.
- By law, this GI Bill is not considered marital property.

May benefits be transferred after I get out?

- Generally no. Soldiers may only transfer Post 9/11 GI Bill while serving.
- Soldiers who transferred benefits while in uniform may only modify their existing transfers after discharge. Entering a new transfer to a dependent that hadn't previously received benefits is typically not permitted.
- The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 permits new transfers after discharge under limited circumstances-
 - If a dependent dies before using their allotted months, a veteran who is no longer serving may re-transfer those months to a new recipient.
 - A dependent who received months of benefit can re-transfer their remaining months to another dependent if the service member/veteran dies. Any months held by the service member at their death are lost.