



National Guard and Reserve Education Checklist

- Fill out VA Form 22-1990, "Application for VA Education Benefits." Many members of the National Guard and Reserve have remaining benefits from their active duty GI Bill or may qualify for the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) and the New Post 9/11 GI Bill. Some find that they are eligible to use their Selected Reserve GI Bill benefits after they separate from service. Verify your eligibility by downloading the form from http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22_1990.pdf.
- Visit the Department of Veterans Affairs GI Bill website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> to learn about the latest developments and vital information concerning your education benefits. To talk with a VA Benefits Counselor, call 1-888-442-4551.
 - Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)
http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm
 - New Post 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill (Beginning Aug. 1, 2009)
<http://www.gibill.va.gov/S22/S22%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>
 - Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)
http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm
 - Selected Reserve GI Bill
http://www.gibill.va.gov/PAMPHLETS/CH1606/CH1606_PAMPHLET_GENERAL.HTM
 - Navy, Army, or Marine Corps College Funds
 - Navy: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/Education/GIBill/NavyCollegeFundProgram.htm>
 - Army: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/ACF.html>
 - Marine Corps: <http://www.marines.com/page/usmc.jsp?pagelid=/page/Detail-XML-Conversion.jsp?pageName=Marine-Corps-College-Fund&flashRedirect=true>

These benefits could be worth more than \$60,000 in education assistance money.

- Get a copy of your DD Form 2586, "Verification of Military Experience and Training" document. See your Transition Assistance Counselor or Education Office for assistance. Visit <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/ismart/MHF-MI/> to locate the office nearest you.



- If you decide to go back to school, take an academic entrance exam before you leave the service. These exams are free to service members only while on active duty. Contact your local Education Service Office for assistance. Visit <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/ismart/MHF-MI/> for assistance in finding the office nearest you.
- Get a copy of your Official Military Education and Training Transcripts. Visit one of the following websites to learn how to request your official transcript:
 - Army/National Guard:** To learn the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS), go to <http://aarts.army.mil>.
 - Navy and Marine Corps:** To learn how to get the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART) go to <http://www.navycollege.navy.mil>.
 - Air Force:** Air Force transcript information can be found at the following website: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/>.
 - Coast Guard:** Coast Guard transcript information can be found at the Coast Guard Institute website: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/forms.html>.
- Speak to your Education Services Officer or Navy College Representative for assistance before you leave the service. Visit <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/ismart/MHF-MI/> for assistance in finding the office nearest you.
- Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E) if you have a service-connected disability. Learn more about this program at: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm>.