

Summer

2026FAQs

To receive your VA benefits, please submit the request for certification form every term. Submitting your form on time will allow you to get a “hold” placed on your class schedule so your courses are not dropped for non-payment while we process your file with the VA. Please email the form to:
va@montgomerycollege.edu

Students using their Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits at an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) facility are required to verify their enrollment at the end of each month. **Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact their Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments.**

Enrollment verification is a requirement for Post-9/11 GI Bill students (CH.33) to verify that they have remained enrolled in the same courses or training every month. Students who receive MHA/kicker payments will have their payments withheld if they fail to verify or report that they are no longer enrolled in their courses or training. To streamline the process, VA is providing the option to **verify enrollment easily and securely via text message**. Read more below.

If you are a Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB) student, this requirement does not represent a change for you, as MGIB students are already required to verify enrollment.

How do I verify enrollment?

You can verify enrollment using the following methods:

Via Text Message

Students with a U.S. mobile phone number can use text messages as a simple, quick option for verifying monthly enrollment. You will receive the following opt-in text: “POST-9/11 GI BILL HOUSING AND KICKER PAYMENTS NOW REQUIRE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT YOURS VIA TEXT? PLEASE REPLY YES OR NO.” **Reply “YES” to opt in.** The text message link will expire **14 days after receipt**, so please respond within that time frame.

After opting in, you can verify your enrollment simply by responding to the following text message from VA: “DID YOU REMAIN ENROLLED IN YOUR COURSES IN MON YYYY AS CERTIFIED? PLEASE REPLY YES OR NO. IF YOU HAVE DROPPED ALL YOUR COURSES, YOU MUST REPLY NO.” **Reply “YES” to verify enrollment for the previous month.**

Please be assured that enrollment verification via text message is safe and secure. The VA will **never** ask for your personal information, such as social security number or bank account information, via text.

VA **strongly recommends this method** for verifying enrollment. It will be easier and faster than calling the ECC.

If you're not sure if VA has your phone number on file, please contact the Education Call Center (ECC) at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to ensure VA has your mobile phone number.

Via Education Call Center

Contact the ECC at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) and ask a representative to verify enrollment on your behalf. NOTE: ECC wait times may be high due to the number of students verifying enrollment each month.

If you opt out of text verification and later change your mind, or need to update your mobile number on file, you can opt into text message verification by calling the ECC at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

What happens if I fail to verify my enrollment?

If you fail to verify enrollment for two consecutive months, your MHA/kicker payments will be placed on hold. You must take steps to verify your enrollment to have the payments released.

Why am I being required to verify my enrollment?

By regularly verifying your enrollment, you protect your GI Bill entitlement by preventing charges for classes or training you did not attend. Though this new requirement is an additional step, enrollment verification is easy to do and will help you better manage and access your earned benefits, as well as help prevent overpayments.

Get more information

If you have questions about the monthly verification requirement or if/when it applies to you, contact a VA education representative at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) domestically or 001-918-781-5678 overseas.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site benefits.va.gov

Summer Enrollment Full Time Equivalency

A **3-credit course** that runs for five weeks is considered **¾ time**. A **4-credit course** for five weeks is **full time**. Students should consult the TRAINING TIME EQUIVALENCY TABLE on the link below to determine their status:

https://www.gibill.va.gov/Training/Spreadsheets/Semester_Hours.pdf

**Disclaimer: To find out exactly what your housing allowance /stipend will be you must contact the VA directly at 1-888-GI BILL1.*

- Full-time students taking all online (distance learning) courses will receive a housing allowance of \$1,476 per/month.
- Remedial/developmental courses **MUST** be taken in person.

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill Book Stipend

Chapter 33 students will receive an annual book stipend of up to \$1,000/year with the Post-9/11 GI Bill. It is paid proportionately based on the number of credits taken by each student at \$41 per credit hour. Stipends are estimated to be issued and received in July for classes that begin in June. Payment will come directly to the student via check or direct deposit from the VA.

Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation Book Vouchers

A request for certification form must be submitted to va@montgomerycollege.edu, or to an Enrollment Services VA Specialists at your campus. This will allow for us to review your authorization, verify your classes, and submit the enrollment certification to the VA. **The VA office will need a screenshot of your required course materials showing on your Slingshot Student portal for vouchers to be prepared.**

Please be aware that **Sponsor billing** is required to submit receipts signed by students when invoicing the VA for course materials, technology items, and supplies that you have received from the MC bookstore.

Survivors' and Dependent's (DEA/Chapter35) Effective October 1, 2025

The DEA rates listed here are for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The VA will make the payments directly to you.

Training Time	Monthly Rate
Full Time	\$1,574.00 for each full month
¾ Time	\$1,244.00 for each full month
½ Time	\$912.00 for each full month
Less than ½ Time and more than ¼ Time	\$912.00 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)
¼ Time or less	\$393.00 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)

CH.30 MGIB -AD rates if you served at least 3 continuous years on active duty. Effective October 1, 2025

The MGIB-AD rates listed here are for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The VA will make the payments directly to you.

Training Time	Monthly Rate
Full Time	\$2,518.00 for each full month
¾ Time	\$1,888.50 for each full month
½ Time	\$1,259.00 for each full month
Less than ½ Time and more than ¼ Time	\$1,259.00 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)
¼ Time or less	\$629.50 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)

CH.30 MGIB -AD rates if you served between 2 and 3 years on active duty.

Effective October 1, 2025

The MGIB-AD rates listed here are for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The VA will make the payments directly to you.

Training Time	Monthly Rate
Full Time	\$2,043.00 for each full month
$\frac{3}{4}$ Time	\$1,532.25 for each full month
$\frac{1}{2}$ Time	\$1,021.50 for each full month
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time and more than $\frac{1}{4}$ Time	\$1,021.50 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)
$\frac{1}{4}$ Time or less	\$510.75 for each full month (or the cost of your tuition and fees, whichever is less)

CH.1606 MGIB -SR rates

Effective October 1, 2025

The MGIB-SR rates listed here are for October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. The VA will make the payments directly to you.

Training Time	Monthly Rate
Full Time	\$493.00 for each full month
$\frac{3}{4}$ Time	\$369.00 for each full month
$\frac{1}{2}$ Time	\$246.00 for each full month
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time	\$123.25 for each full month

*How do I find out how much of my benefits I have left?

You can see how many benefits you've used and what benefits remain by visiting your [eBenefits account](#).

[Avoid Delayed Payments or Debts: Enrollment FAQs](#)

Verify your enrollment online with the VA if you are using any of these benefits:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill – CH.33
- Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) – CH.30
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) – CH.1606
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) – CH.35

The VA will ask you to verify these 2 details about your enrollment:

- Your credit hours
- The start date and end dates of your enrollment for the month.

<https://www.va.gov/education/verify-school-enrollment/>

Friendly Reminders:



If you decide not to attend classes, you are responsible for dropping these before add and drop period to avoid charges, and notifying the school VA Office of any schedule changes at va@montgomerycollege.edu.

If you drop classes after the add and drop period, you are required to make payment to the college, and return funds to the VA. Additionally, if you do not drop from a class, but stop attending, and receive a failing grade at the end of the term, the VA office is required to report the VA of punitive grades and **unsatisfactory attendance**. **Please keep in mind that this will create a debt for you.**

Please contact va@montgomerycollege.edu for any questions.