VA Education and Training Benefits for Spouses and Dependent Children

MILITARY LIFE CYCLE

Online Reference
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The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides training, information and services to help Service members and their families transition to civilian life after the military. The goal of the program is to help Service members bridge their military experiences and skills with their post-military goals by planning for transition throughout their Military Life Cycle (MLC).

At key touch points throughout the MLC, TAP delivers modules to inform Service members and their families about benefits and services available to support them during their careers and after separation or retirement. The VA Education and Training Benefits for Spouses and Dependent Children module describes Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and GI Bill education assistance programs that may be available to the spouses and dependent children of Service members and Veterans.

This online reference accompanies the VA Education and Training Benefits for Spouses and Dependent Children module and provides you with the web links to important websites and resources related to VA benefits and services.

*External Link Disclaimer: This document contains links that will take you outside of the Department of Veterans Affairs website. VA does not endorse and is not responsible for the content of the linked websites.*

**VA Home Page**

The VA.gov website offers current resources, tools and contact information for all VA benefits and services that may be available to Service members, Veterans and their families, caregivers and survivors.

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**TAP Online Courses**

The TAPevents.org/courses website offers just-in-time web-based training for MLC modules. This resource/reference allows you to access modules to review this module or any of the other MLC modules to learn more about VA benefits and services.

[https://tapevents.org/courses](https://tapevents.org/courses)

To access these courses:

1. Navigate to [https://tapevents.org/courses](https://tapevents.org/courses)
2. Select the drop-down menu on the far-right titled TAP Curriculum.
3. Your choices are All Courses, Core Requirements, Transition Tracks and Military Life Cycle (MLC).
4. Select MLC to explore the modules available.
5. Additional instructions/resources are available on the website.
Family Member Benefits Page
www.va.gov/family-member-benefits

Personalized Career Planning and Guidance
www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling

- VA benefits hotline, 1-800-827-1000 (hearing impaired, 1-800-829-4833)

Transfer of Entitlement (TOE)
www.va.gov/education/transfer-post-9-11-gi-bill-benefits

Post-9/11 GI Bill
www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11

- Ask a question online, https://gibill.custhelp.va.gov/
- GI Bill hotline, 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
  - Outside the U.S., +1-918-781-5678
- Eligibility, www.va.gov/education/eligibility
- Maximum Benefit Payable, gibill.custhelp.va.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/947

Benefit Components
www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11

- Tuition and Fees
  - Tuition Caps for Private and Foreign Education Institutions, www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080120.asp
  - Studying at Foreign Institutions, www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/study-at-foreign-schools
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA), www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080120.asp#HOUSING
Related Educational Topics for Research

- The Colmery Act (Forever GI Bill), [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/forevergibill.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/forevergibill.asp)
  - Education Call Center, 1-888-442-4551

Educational Assistance Programs

[www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits](http://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits)

- Fry Scholarship, [www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship](http://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship)
- Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA) Program, [www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance](http://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance)

GI Bill Comparison Tool

- GI Bill Comparison Tool, [www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool](http://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool)
- GI Bill Feedback Tool, [www.va.gov/education/submit-school-feedback/introduction](http://www.va.gov/education/submit-school-feedback/introduction)
- Video: Know Before You Go, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1ttkv9oRI4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1ttkv9oRI4)

How to Apply

[www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply](http://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply)

- Technical Issues, 1-800-983-0937; Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. EST
- Benefits Questions, 1-800-827-1000; Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. EST
- Regional Processing Offices, [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/regional_processing.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/regional_processing.asp)

Additional Funding Sources

[studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)

- Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC), 1-800-433-3243
  - Federal grants, [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell)
  - Scholarships:
    - [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/non_va_resources.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/non_va_resources.asp)
    - [https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships](https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships)
  - Student loans, [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans)
  - Private loans, [studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/federal-vs-private](http://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/federal-vs-private)
- State VA Education Benefits, [www.va.gov/statedva.htm](http://www.va.gov/statedva.htm)
Contact Us

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/contact_us.asp

- VA benefits hotline, 1-800-827-1000 (hearing impaired, 1-800-829-4833)
- Online FAQ, gibill.custhelp.va.gov
- Dependent or Survivor FAQ, www.va.gov/opa/persona/dependent_survivor.asp
- GI Bill hotline inside the U.S.: 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551); Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. CST
  Overseas: 001-918-781-5678; Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. CST