



## Avoid Delayed Payments or Debts: Enrollment FAQs

### How can I be sure I'll be able to use my benefits?

Your school *and* your individual program need to be approved. [Check that on the VA website](#). By law, VA is authorized to pay GI Bill® benefits only for classes that are included as part of an approved program of education and count toward completion of that approved program of education. This would include an “Undeclared” major if the school has one. Also, VA cannot pay benefits for a program if more than 85% of the students in that program are having any portion of the cost paid by VA or the school. If a program’s enrollment exceeds the 85% limit, only currently enrolled GI Bill students may continue to use their benefits for it.

### Can I attend school while waiting for VA to make the payment?

[Yes, for up to 90 days.](#)

### How will my benefits be charged for my education or training?

Under most GI Bill programs, you get 36 months of full-time benefits. If you are training full-time for 4 months you use 4 months of benefits. If you are training at 1/2 time for 4 months, you use 2 months of benefits. If you are enrolled in an apprenticeship or on-the-job training program, your benefits are charged according to the amount of benefits you are receiving.

### What happens if I need to change classes or training?

If you change classes or training after the add/drop deadline, you may end up with a debt to VA.

### What if I fail a class or training?

If you fail a class, you’ll get paid for that term and if you retake the class. If you receive a grade that doesn’t count towards your degree, like “Incomplete,” VA will reduce benefits for that term, and you may owe a debt.

### What if I need to change schools or programs?

To change from one school or training program to another, you’ll need to submit a form based on the benefits program you’re using. If you’re using Post-9/11 (Chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill (Chapters 30 and 1606) or the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, you’ll need to submit [VA Form 22-1995](#). If you’re using the Dependents Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35) or the Fry Scholarship, you’ll need to submit [VA Form 22-5495](#). Both forms can be submitted online or to the Regional



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Processing Office serving your state. [For a list of mailing addresses for the paper version of the form click here.](#)

**What if I need a copy of my Certificate of Eligibility/award letter?**

[Find information here about how to request a copy.](#)



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