

Tips to help you understand your benefits

Enrolling in classes or training – What you need to know

In most cases, your GI Bill entitlement is charged according to your training time. If you're training full-time for four months, you'd use four months of entitlement. If you're training at one-half time, you'd use two months of entitlement. If you're enrolled in an apprenticeship/on-the-job training program, [your entitlement is charged according to the amount of benefits you are receiving](#). If you drop a course or withdraw after the drop period and receive a grade that doesn't count as credit towards your GPA, VA will reduce benefits effective the first day of the term, creating an overpayment. (A failing grade does count towards your GPA.) [Schools are not allowed to stop a GI Bill student from attending classes](#) for up to 90 days while awaiting VA payments.

Resources to better understand your GI Bill benefits

The first place to start is the [VA.gov website](#), which lays out the different programs and [how to apply](#). Also, check out “Building Your Future with the GI Bill® Series.” [Part 1](#) is an overview of your educational options, such as a college degree, pivoting to a career in technology, pursuing entrepreneurship and various paths in between. [Part 2](#) lays out a comparison of education benefits to help you determine the appropriate VA benefit based on your eligibility and goals.

Your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and your Award Letters are two of the most important documents you get from VA about your GI Bill benefits. They lay out what benefits you will receive, so it's important to understand what they mean for you. VA has created a step-by-step explanation of both. Take a look at the [guide to your Certificate of Eligibility](#) and the [guide to your Award Letter](#). Looking beyond just the GI Bill, the [VA Welcome Kit](#) can help guide you to the benefits and services you've earned.

