

# CHAPTER 33 POST 9/11 GI Bill® & TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT

## *Welcome to EWU and The Veterans Resource Center!*

The Post 9/11 GI Bill® provides educational benefits to veterans and veterans' dependents. Tuition and fees for these students, including graduate students, are covered by this Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefit, up to the percentage a veteran is eligible for, which is based on their length of active-duty service since September 11, 2001.

- Tuition and fees for students using the Post 9/11 benefit are **paid directly to EWU**.
- Books and supplies are **paid to the student** by the VA at a set rate per credit hour.
- Basic Allowance for Housing is **paid directly to the student** and may be used in any way the student deems necessary.

### To Start We Will Need the Following:

1. **VA Approval** – We will need a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Please scan/email back to our office. You can get the most current COE at either VA site here:
  - a. <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill/post-9-11/ch-33-benefit/>
  - b. <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
2. **Change of Program/Change of Place of Training** – This form is needed if VA Education Benefits were used at another school, there has been a break in attendance, or your degree program has changed.
  - a. **Veteran** submit a Change of Program or Place of Training (VA Form 22-1995).
  - b. **Dependent of a Veteran** submit a Dependent's Change of Program or Place of Training (VA Form 22-5495).  
These forms are available on our website, in person at the EWU Veterans Resource Center (VRC) or online at: <https://www.va.gov/education/change-gi-bill-benefits/>. If submitted via the VA Website to VA, print the confirmation page and send it to us for your file. You should get a letter in approximately 30 days stating the update. It will tell you to take it to your school so the enrollment can be submitted. VA will not request enrollment information on your behalf.
3. **Class Schedule** – Once your final student course registration has been completed, you are required to submit your final Concise Student Schedule to the EWU VRC office. You can do this by sending via email or delivering in person to our office. Follow the instructions at the EWU VRC website for the correct format we require: <https://inside.ewu.edu/veterans/schedule-submission/>. Enrollments will not be reported to the VA until we receive your Concise Student Schedule.

### Other Key Points:

#### **EWU Admission Application Fee –**

- **Undergraduate:** There is a \$60 application fee that is required at the time it is submitted. This is not a fee the VA benefit will pay.
- **Graduate:** There is a \$75 application fee that is required at the time it is submitted. This is not a fee the VA benefit will pay.

**EWU Admission Confirmation Fee** – All new undergraduate students must confirm their intent to enroll by paying a \$250 confirmation fee. The VA will reimburse this fee the first quarter the VRC certifies your enrollment with the VA.

**Full Time Enrollment** – The VA uses the below minimum credits for determining full time enrollment. Any credits below this number is prorated. Courses must fulfill degree requirements as outlined by the EWU Catalog. The VA will also cover courses for a second major or any minors. If a you take a course that does not fulfill your degree requirement, it cannot be certified for VA purposes. Excessive electives, for example, cannot be certified.

Quarter	Undergraduate	Graduate
Fall-Winter-Spring	12 Credits	10 Credits
Summer	8 Credits	6 Credits

- See how summer credits work: <https://inside.ewu.edu/veterans/how-summer-quarter-works/>.
- If a student makes a change to their course schedule after their course certification has been submitted to the VA, the student may be responsible for paying back the VA for any payments submitted to the school or student.

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**Payment Distribution** - VA processes 3 payments:

**1. Tuition & Fees** – are **paid directly to EWU** from the VA.

- Prior to billing the VA for a student's tuition, the EWU Veterans Resource Center deducts any financial aid (grants, scholarships, military assistance, etc.) that are solely for tuition. "Tuition & fees" include mandatory fees and course fees. They do not include housing, meal plans, books, supplies.
- EWU bills the VA for tuition and fees after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the term.
- It is possible that these charges will be paid by any financial aid before the VA disperses payment to EWU. If the VA payment creates a credit balance it will disperse to you through your EagleNet student account.
- The amount VA pays depends on benefit tier eligibility and remaining entitlement (i.e. if you are in the 80% tier you must pay your 20% prior to the tuition deadline).

**2. Book Stipend** – is **paid directly to the student** by the VA at a set rate per credit hour.

- VA pays approximately \$41.67 per certified credit, up to 24 credits for the academic year. VA uses an academic year from August 1 to July 31.
- Student is responsible to pay for ALL INCLUSIVE BOOK fees reflected on their tuition/fee statement each term
- The maximum stipend each academic year is \$1000. The amount is linked to your tier eligibility (i.e. if you are at 60%, you will receive up to \$600). Typically, a student is paid the bulk during Fall term and the rest in Winter term. Generally, there is no book stipend for Spring or Summer terms.

**3. Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)** – is **paid directly to the student** by the VA.

- MHA disperses the last day of each month for the prior month's enrollment. Payment is prorated based on first and last day of the enrollment period. Payment is also prorated based on tier eligibility. Benefits will not be paid during breaks.
- MHA is based on EWU Campus locations (Main or Extension). *See the GI Bill® Comparison Tool for the most current BAH rates based on campus location:* <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/profile/11112047>
- Spouses who have been transferred benefits do not receive MHA, however children do.
- Note that the VA revises the MHA each January and those revisions take effect the following August.

**Non-Resident Tuition Fees** – VA pays the actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees. Tuition above the in-state rate (WUE or out-of-state) is the responsibility of the student. See our Waiver forms to see if you are eligible for in-state tuition rates if you are coded as an "out-of-state" student. <https://inside.ewu.edu/veterans/waivers/>

**Graduation Application Fee** – VA will pay the graduation application fee when it is time to apply for graduation. Please contact our office when this occurs. After verification of charge, we will annotate your VA account and either amend the current terms tuition and fees with the VA or include it in the next term's fees.

**Grading/End of Term Processing** – At the end of each term the VRC Office is required to report academic progress back to VA. Status and performance such as academic probation, academic dismissal, failing grades, no credit earned must be reported to VA and could create an overpayment (debt) of any benefits received.

**Schedule Changes/Dropping/Withdrawing/Leaving the University** – If a student makes a change to their course schedule after their course certification has been submitted to the VA by the EWU VRC, the student may be responsible for paying back the VA any payments the VA paid the student. Note that after each term's 50% refund deadline, EWU will not issue a refund to a student who has dropped a course. Additional fees may occur for schedule changes which the student is responsible for paying.

At the time your schedule is submitted to the VRC, a VRC registration hold will be placed on your account that will prevent you from making changes to your class schedule. If you need to make changes, contact our office so that we can take the hold off. You will be required to submit an updated copy of your schedule before your enrollment can be updated with the VA. The hold will come off during the priority registration cycle for the next term.

To learn more about the Chapter 33 Post 9/11 VA Benefit visit: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>