

# Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)

## Who is Eligible

Soldiers mobilized 90 days or longer in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001.

## Cost

No cost to Soldier

## Benefits – Who Gets What (Rates stated below are for full-time students – rates for less than full time will be pro-rated)

- Mobilized 90 days but less than 1 yr - 40% (of CH30 rate-FY11 \$1426.00) = \$570.40 per month
- Mobilized 1 year but less than 2 yr - 60% (of CH30 rate-FY11 \$1426.00) = \$855.60 per month
- Mobilized 2 years or more - 80% (of CH30 rate-FY11 \$1426.00) = \$1140.80 per month
- Mobilized 2 or more times and have three years or more of combined mobilization time since September 11, 2001 - 80% (of CH30 rate-FY11 \$1426.00) = \$1140.80 per month.

## Optional Buy-Up program

- Any Soldier eligible for REAP may contribute up to \$600 for the purpose of receiving an increase to the amount of monthly REAP benefits. The contribution may be made at anytime while the Soldier is a member of the Ready Reserve.
- Soldiers' are eligible to receive the additional Buy-Up educational assistance beginning the first enrollment period after the contribution was made.
- To enroll send a completed and signed REAP Buy-Up enrollment form to the ARNG GI Bill Support Team along with DD 214 from latest qualifying mobilization, and a Certified Check or Money Order.

## Limitations

- AGR / Soldiers on Active Duty (AD) using CH 1607 will only receive benefits up to the cost of the course. They do not receive full monthly benefits. AD Soldiers can not use CH1607 and Tuition Assistance for the same course.

## What Do I Need To Know

- You may have up to 36 months of full-time benefits
- ARNG Soldiers who complete a service contract and separate under other than dishonorable conditions from the Selected Reserve retain eligibility for ten years from their date of separation.
- ARNG Soldiers who gained eligibility for REAP and incurred a break in service from Selected Reserve may regain REAP eligibility if the Soldier continued to serve in the Ready Reserve during the break.
- EMS – Eligibility for Mobilized Soldiers. Go to [nationalguardbenefits.com](http://nationalguardbenefits.com) and print your EMS. This is your formal notification of your eligibility for REAP. Keep this document in your personal files.
- To use this benefit, submit a copy of your mobilization DD 214 to your school's VA Certifying Official and a copy of your application for benefits – VA Form 22-1990 for first time users or VA Form 22-1995 for users switching GI Bill programs.

## Disqualifying Factors

- If you separate from the Ready Reserve into civilian life without completing your contractual obligation, you immediately lose this benefit.

## What Will GI Bill Pay For

Traditional College

- Technical or Vocational Courses

## ARNG GI Bill Support Team

Education Support Center

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- Apprenticeship / Job Training
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