

Program Notes

- ★ To learn about employment opportunities, contact the Veterans Representative at local Missouri Job Service. <https://jobs.mo.gov/career-centers>
- ★ OJT and Apprenticeship benefits cease if the eligible trainee reaches the completion wage prior to the end of the training program.
- ★ Training programs in private sector must have a progressive wage schedule with at least one raise during training and another raise at the end of training. Public sector programs such as police or city worker, are exempt.
- ★ Eligible trainees must provide a copy of their DD-214 or Notice of Basic Entitlement (NOBE) for Guard and Reservists when applying for GI Bill® the first time.
- ★ Eligible trainees will not qualify for benefits if they were previously trained for the job objective.

VETERANS: If you have questions regarding your eligibility for benefits, go to:

vets.gov/education

Or contact:

Veterans Affairs Regional Office

PO Box 32432

St. Louis, MO 63132-0832

Toll-free: 888-442-4551

EMPLOYERS: If you have questions regarding the approval of a training program please contact one of the Missouri locations.

Veterans Education
P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102
573-522-2061 or
1-877-530-2765

Veterans Education
South Service Center
7545 South Lindbergh
Suite 110
St. Louis, MO 63125
314-416-2124

Veterans Education
Gov. Joseph P. Teasdale
State Office Building
8800 E. 63rd Street
Suite 150
Raytown, MO 64133
816-241-1705

Additional resources can be found at: dese.mo.gov/veterans-ed



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★ Veterans ★ Eligible Dependents

★ National Guard ★ Selected Reservists

You may be eligible to receive a monthly educational benefit check from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Have you considered using your

GI Bill® Benefits

for

On-the-Job Training

or

Apprenticeship Training?

- ★ **VETERANS:** To determine your entitlement for VA benefits, call **888-442-4551**
- ★ **EMPLOYERS:** To seek approval of a training program, call Veterans Education & Training Section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education **877-530-2765 or 573-522-2061**

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What Is On-the-Job Training?

OJT is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages. Approvable OJT programs must be at least six months and up to two years in length. Some examples of OJT programs are Welder, Painter, Chef, Assistant Store Manager, Auto Mechanic, Lab Technician, Corrections Officer, Police Officer and Parts Buyer.

What Is Apprenticeship Training?

Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with 144 hours (minimum) per year of related technical instruction. You receive your GI Bill® benefit while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeships are normally from two to five years in length. **Registration with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training is not mandatory for veteran benefits; however, it is recommended in order for the veteran to receive journeyman's papers upon successful completion.** Some examples of apprenticeship training programs are Electrician, Ironworker, Roofer, Plumber and Sheet Metal Worker.

Time Limits

Approval of a program may be up to one year after employment. As a general rule, veterans have 10 years after their separation from service to use the Montgomery GI Bill®; 15 years for Ch. 33; 14 years for Ch. 1606 after completing MOS training. New Forever GI Bill; the legislation eliminates the current 15-year time limit on use of the Post 9/11 GI Bill for those who were discharged on or after Jan. 1, 2013.

How to Begin

- Determine if you are eligible for GI Bill benefits. Contact the Veterans Affairs office at **1-888-442-4551** to determine your eligibility and to obtain the necessary application forms. On-line application is recommended at www.gibill.va.gov.
- For On-the-Job Training, contact your local Missouri State Job Service's Veteran Representative, who can assist in finding an employer who may offer the kind of training you desire. For a list of career centers go to <https://jobs.mo.gov/career-centers>

- For apprenticeships go to helmetstohardhats.org for a nationwide search for apprenticeship openings.
 - Next, **have your employer contact the State Approving Agency to begin the approval process.** Keep in mind that not all occupations can be approved. Contact information can be found on back of this brochure.
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How Much Is the Monthly Benefit Check?

- ★ **CHAPTER 33 POST-9/11:** Active Duty after September 11, 2001:
100% of your applicable MHA during the first 6 months of training
80% of your applicable MHA during the second 6 months of training
60% of your applicable MHA during the third 6 months of training
40% of your applicable MHA during the fourth 6 months of training
20% of your applicable MHA during the remainder of training
Go to www.gibill.va.gov for amounts.

If less than 36 mo. Service, amounts are reduced per your award letter.

You can also receive up to \$83 per month for books and supplies, regardless of award percentage.

- ★ **CHAPTER 30:** Initial active duty after July 1, 1985; **and** contributed to the Montgomery GI Bill®; **and** active duty was three years or more:
First 6 months **\$1,537** Second 6 months **\$1,127** Remainder **\$717**
(If active duty was less than three years; see www.gibill.va.gov for amounts.) **NOTE: "Kickers" program applies to OJT.**
- ★ **CHAPTER 1606:** Members of the National Guard or Reserve with a six year period of obligation after October 1, 1990 and still attending drill:
First 6 months **\$294** Second 6 months **\$215** Remainder **\$137**
- ★ **CHAPTER 1607:** Members of the National Guard or Reserve who were deployed for 90 days or more. Amounts vary by length of deployment. Go to www.gibill.va.gov for amounts.
- ★ **CHAPTER 35** applies to a child or spouse of a service-connected deceased or 100 percent permanently disabled veteran.