



Department of Veterans Affairs

S.3447 “Post-9/11 Veterans
Educational

Assistance Improvements Act of 2010”





Public Law 111-377

- On January 4, 2011, President Obama signed into law the “Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010”



Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010

- Expands eligibility to include certain AGR (Title 32) personnel;
- Nationwide Tuition and Fee rates (simplification);
- Break Pay, no longer payable;
- Monthly payment for Kicker instead of a lump-sum payment;
- BAH for distance learning students;
- Books stipend for active duty;
- NCD, OJT, Apprenticeship, Flight and correspondence courses.



AGR Title 32 U.S.C.

- Expands Chapter 33 eligibility to include certain National Guard Members under title 32 U.S.C.
- Effective August 1, 2009 but not payable until October 1, 2011.
- Limits active duty members pursuing a degree at more than half-time to the eligibility tiers (40%-100%).
- Effective March 5, 2011.



Tuition and Fees

- Pay Public Schools the in-state tuition and fees charges;
- Private and foreign school costs are capped at \$17,500 annually;
- Yellow Ribbon Program still exists for out-of state and costs above the cap;
- Effective August 1, 2011.



Break Pay & Kicker

- Break pay is no longer payable under **any** VA education benefit program unless under an Executive Order of the President or due to to an emergency, such as a natural disaster or strike;
- Kicker payments on a monthly basis instead of lump sum at the beginning of the term;
- Effective August 1, 2011.



BAH for distance (online) learning

- Housing allowance is now payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning;
- The housing allowance payable is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents.
- Effective October 1, 2011.



Active Duty personnel

- Students on active duty to receive books and supplies stipend;
- Effective October 1, 2011.



Licensing and Certification Tests

- Reimbursements for more than one “license or certification” test.
- Reimbursement of fees paid to take national exams used for admission to institutions of higher learning, (e.g. SAT, ACT, GMAT, LSAT)



Voc Rehab subsistence

- Allows those who are eligible for both Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31) benefits and Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) benefits to choose the Post-9/11 GI Bill's monthly housing allowance instead of the Chapter 31 subsistence allowance.



Non-college degree (NCD) programs

- Pays actual net cost for in-State tuition and fees at public institutions;
- \$17,500 capped per year for Private institutions;
- Books and supplies stipend at \$83.00 per month.



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On-the job (OJT) & Apprenticeship training

- Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program;
- \$83.00 per month for books and supplies



Flight programs

- Pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000 whichever is less;



Correspondence courses

- Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500 whichever is less.



Questions

