Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

1. What is it?
   - Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, contributed $1,200, and received an honorable discharge (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16).

2. How Do I Qualify?
   - Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989.
     - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate.
     - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate.
       - Must complete 24 months before use
     - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the gov't.

   - Pay a $1,200 Buy-In
     - If you are AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of $100/month for 12 months.
     - If you are eligible due to a mobilization, you must pay the $1,200 in a lump sum.
     - To Buy-In, contact the GI Bill Support team via email at: arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil

3. What Do I Get?
   - A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on the amount of active duty time served

   - Effective October 1, 2017:
     - 3+ yrs of service = $1,928 per month
     - 2-3 yrs of service = $1,566 per month

   - Payments are limited by several factors, including
     - Payment Tier
     - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
     - Active Duty/Drilling Status
➢ You have ten years from your last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit.
  o Your 10-year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time.
  o Submit a VA Form 21-4138 and your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center.

➢ If on active duty, you can use the benefit as a Top-Up to your Federal Tuition Assistance.
  o Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate.
    ▪ Example of Top-Up:
    ▪ Your total tuition is $1,000 for three semester hours and you are at the 100% tier: FTA will pay $750.
      -Ch 30 will pay the $250 balance (tuition and fees only).

➢ OPTIONAL Plus-Up program
  o You may contribute up to an additional $600 ONLY while on Active Duty orders.
  o The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to $150 per month ($5 per month for every $20 contributed.
  o Soldiers using Ch 30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment.
  o To elect the Plus Up option, contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at: arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil

4. How Do I Apply?
➢ Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
➢ Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
➢ Verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)

For More Information:
➢ Visit the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
➢ Visit us On-Line: [http://ong.ohio.gov/education](http://ong.ohio.gov/education)
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