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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) - (Chapter 1607 of title 10 United States code) (NGB-ARM Policy Number 07-09)

1. References.

a. Title 10, United States Code (USC), Chapter 1607, Section 16161-16166, Educational Assistance Program.

b. Title 10, United States Code (USC), Chapter 103, Section 2107, Financial Assistance Program for Specially Selected Members.

c. Title 10, United States Code (USC), Chapter 103, Section 2107a, Financial Assistance Program for Specially Selected Members: Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

d. Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA FY 05), Title V, Section 527 of Subtitle C-Reserve Component Personnel Matters. (codified as title 10 USC Chapter 1607).

e. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-104, Military Personnel Information Management/Records, 22 June 2004.

f. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of Defense, 7 March 2006, subject: Interim Procedures for Implementing the Program of Educational Assistance Authorized Under the Provisions of Chapter 1607 Title 10, United States Code.

g. Memorandum, DAPE-MPA-CB, 23 February 2007, subject: Interim Procedures for Implementing the Program of Educational Assistance Authorized Under the Provisions of Chapter 1607 Title 10, and United States Code.

2. Purpose. This memorandum prescribes the policy and procedures to administer the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP).

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3. Implementation. This policy is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.
4. Overview. REAP is an educational assistance program established by the NDAA FY05 on 28 October 2004 in recognition of Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers' sacrifices in answering the call to duty. Soldiers that served on or after 11 September 2001 for 90 consecutive days or more may be eligible to receive the REAP benefit. The military service determines initial eligibility, notifies the Soldier, and funds the program while the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) administers payments to the Soldier. A Soldier's previous use of other GI Bill programs may affect eligibility and amount of total benefits available.
5. Eligibility.

- a. Soldier must meet the criteria listed below in order to be eligible for the benefit and will lose eligibility as described in Para 9a:

- (1) Served on active duty for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation since 11 September 2001 ("Contingency operations" as defined in Title 10 USC means "military operations that are designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against opposing military force; or results in the call or order to, or retention on active duty of members of the uniformed services"), or

- (2) Performed Full-time National Guard duty under Title 32, section 502f for 90 consecutive days or more when authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense for the purpose of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by federal funds.

- b. Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) Soldiers may qualify for REAP but only if their name is listed on an individual or collective by-name list of personnel stating that they have been mobilized and/or deployed for more than 90 consecutive days to support a qualifying mission (contingency operation). AGR personnel cannot establish eligibility solely because the unit, including the overall unit was "alerted" for mobilization. An AGR Soldier cannot gain eligibility by merely providing support, even if direct support to a mobilized portion of the unit unless the AGR Soldier is mobilized or deployed with the unit. An AGR Soldier must possess orders which clearly indicate that they were mobilized or deployed with a unit activated to support a contingency operation or were responding with their unit to a national emergency declared by the President.

- c. Soldiers separated because of a disability, which is not the result of their own willful misconduct will maintain eligibility to receive REAP for 10 years from the date of initial eligibility.

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d. Soldiers released and separated from mobilization before completing 90 consecutive days because of an injury, illness, or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty will maintain eligibility to receive REAP for 10 years from the date of separation from active duty.

#### 6. Enrollment.

a. ARNG Soldiers eligible for Chapter 1607 must go to [nationalguardbenefits.com](http://nationalguardbenefits.com) and print a copy of their Eligibility for Mobilized Soldier (EMS) notification letter. Soldiers are to file and maintain their EMS in their personal records.

b. ARNG Soldiers who establish eligibility for educational assistance under Chapter 30 of title 38, USC; and Chapter 1607 of title 10, USC from the same period of service must coordinate with the ARNG GI Bill Support Team via e-mail, at [gibill.1607@pec.ngb.army.mil](mailto:gibill.1607@pec.ngb.army.mil), or by calling 1-866-628-5999, before making an irrevocable election of one Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) entitlement program over the other.

c. Soldiers will check with their state Education Services Officer (ESO) to ensure that the education program they intend to enroll in is approved by the DVA. If Soldiers had not previously used GI Bill benefits they will complete a VA Form 22-1990 (Application for Benefits) and present it to the program's VA Certifying Official (VACO). If Soldiers are already eligible for VA Education Benefits under another program they must submit a VA Form 22-1995 (Request for Change of Program or Place of Training) and note that they now wish to use the Chapter 1607 REAP benefit.. Soldiers must also provide a copy of their mobilization DD Form 214(s). If the selected program does not have a VACO, the Soldier will send the appropriate documents directly to DVA Regional Processing Office that services their area.

d. Completed and signed notification and election forms will be maintained in the Soldiers' Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). The State Education Services Officer, or designee, will ensure these documents are forwarded to the appropriate State Military Directorate. These documents will be added as unnumbered documents IAW procedures contained within AR 600-8-104, Tables 2-1 and 6-5 respectfully. These forms will be transmitted to the OMPF via Field to File (F2F).

#### 7. Rates for REAP entitlements.

a. Soldiers may receive a maximum of 36-months of entitlements for any one DVA education assistance program. Two or more DVA education assistance programs can be combined to allow a Soldier a maximum of 48 months of benefits. DVA educational assistance programs include the following:

(1) Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

(2) Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30)

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- (3) Veterans Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32)
- (4) Vietnam Era GI Bill (Chapter 34)
- (5) Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
- (6) Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)

b. Full rate. The educational assistance allowance payable under REAP is a percentage of the MGIB-AD three-year rate based on the number of continuous days served on active duty.

Soldier Serves:	Percentage of the 3-Year MGIB-AD Rate
90 consecutive days but less than one year	40%
One year but less than two years	60%
Two continuous years or more	80%

c. Reduced rate.

(1) Reduced rates apply for Apprenticeship/On-the-Job Training (OJT), correspondence, and flight training. Go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) for further information.

(2) Soldiers receiving REAP while on active duty will receive a monthly rate which reimburses tuition and fees up to the applicable rate for institutional training. However, once they are released from active duty the Soldier can then receive up to the full monthly amount.

Note: Soldiers who were eligible for REAP at any point after 11 September 2001, but were paid at the MGIB-SR (CH 1606) rate, may apply with DVA and receive REAP benefits retroactively. If a Soldier received MGIB-SR (CH 1606) they are entitled to the difference between MGIB-SR (CH 1606) and REAP (CH 1607) for the period they would have been eligible for REAP after 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation since 11 September 2001.

8. Additional Benefit: ARNG MGIB Kicker. The MGIB Kicker is not an entitlement, but an additional benefit to the MGIB-SR, MGIB-Active Duty (AD) and REAP. Applicants/Soldiers must apply and qualify for this additional benefit. The Kicker will be paid proportionate to the training time if the Soldier is enrolled in less than a full-time status. The Kicker is not subject to any adjustment because of the rate level the Soldier is receiving. Kickers are payable at the service department's discretion.

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9. Termination of REAP entitlements. Soldiers will have their REAP eligibility terminated if they:

(a) Reach their Expiration Term of Service (ETS),

(b) Separate from the Selected Reserve and enter the Ready Reserve (Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) or the Inactive National Guard (ING)) and remain in such status for longer than 90 days,

(c) Separate from the Selected Reserve and enter the IRR or ING for a second time,

(d) Use 36 months of entitlement under REAP or 48 months of entitlement under any combination of VA education programs.

(e) Receive a Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Dedicated Guard scholarship under Section 2107 of Title 10, USC after becoming eligible for REAP benefits. Soldiers do not lose eligibility if they receive financial assistance under Section 2107a, Guaranteed Reserve Force Duty Scholarship, of Title 10, USC. Termination does not apply to Soldiers receiving an ROTC scholarship prior to gaining eligibility under REAP.

Note: Eligibility may be regained due to additional/separate periods of qualifying service, but may not be regained for periods of service for which eligibility was terminated.

10. Bar from dual eligibility. Soldiers who qualify for REAP benefits may not receive credit for MGIB-AD for the same period. Soldiers who are mobilized for 24 consecutive months for a contingency operation and serve a minimum of 20 months and are released from active duty due to "convenience of government" must make an irrevocable election to apply that mobilization period to either REAP or MGIB-AD.

11. Duplication of benefits. State GI Bill Managers are responsible to ensure applicants are not receiving duplication of federal funds.

a. Soldiers cannot use REAP and other MGIB programs (as listed in 7c (1) – (6) above) for the same period.

b. State funded programs can be used simultaneously with REAP, unless prohibited by state law.

c. Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is an education incentive and may be used simultaneously with REAP.

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d. Soldiers are eligible to receive REAP and the ARNG MGIB Kicker incentive regardless of whether Kicker eligibility was established before or after establishing REAP eligibility.

e. Soldiers are eligible to receive REAP and tuition assistance simultaneously, if attending an institution in a half time or more status.

f. AGR Soldiers and mobilized Soldiers may not receive REAP and tuition assistance simultaneously for the same course.

12. Authorized and current monthly benefits and rates are shown on DVA educational website at: <http://www.gibill.gov>.

13. Point of contact for this policy is MAJ Troy M. Gipps, GI Bill Programs Manager at (501) 212-4962/DSN 962-4962 or [troy.gipps@us.army.mil](mailto:troy.gipps@us.army.mil) or the ARNG GI Bill Support Team at 1-866-628-5999 or [gibill.1607@pec.ngb.army.mil](mailto:gibill.1607@pec.ngb.army.mil).



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