



## **Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits**

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs pays certain expenses of eligible veterans and service members, or their designated dependents, enrolled at educational institutions or training establishments. Educational institutions include public, nonprofit, and for-profit colleges and universities, as well as other entities offering approved programs of education. The benefit paid for tuition and fees is equal to the actual amount charged to in-state residents for students attending public institutions or up to a maximum amount, adjusted annually for inflation, for students at private or foreign institutions. The program also provides a monthly housing allowance to beneficiaries who pursue education or training at a rate greater than half-time. Generally, people who served on active duty after September 11, 2001, for at least 36 months are eligible for the full benefit, and those who served for shorter periods receive a reduced benefit. Service members with at least six years on active duty who agree to serve four more years can transfer benefits to their dependents.

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|  | 2021    | 2022    | 2023    | 2024    | 2025    | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    | 2029    | 2030    | 2031    | 2022-2026 | 2022-2031 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>                      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Outlays in millions of dollars, by fiscal year |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Total Payments                                 | 9,077   | 10,464  | 11,075  | 11,446  | 11,855  | 12,295  | 12,752  | 13,223  | 13,745  | 14,238  | 14,754  | 57,135    | 125,847   |
| Adjustment for Timing Shifts <sup>a</sup>      | 0       | 682     | 21      | -703    | 0       | 0       | 0       | 828     | -828    | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0         |
| Estimated Outlays                              | 9,077   | 11,146  | 11,096  | 10,743  | 11,855  | 12,295  | 12,752  | 14,051  | 12,917  | 14,238  | 14,754  | 57,135    | 125,847   |
| <b>BENEFIT INFORMATION</b>                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| By fiscal year                                 |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |           |
| Total Beneficiaries (Thousands of people)      | 592,134 | 666,151 | 681,987 | 681,987 | 681,987 | 681,987 | 682,532 | 683,283 | 683,966 | 684,103 | 684,035 | n.a.      | n.a.      |
| Cost per Beneficiary (Dollars)                 | 15,329  | 16,732  | 16,270  | 15,752  | 17,383  | 18,028  | 18,683  | 20,564  | 18,885  | 20,813  | 21,569  | n.a.      | n.a.      |

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; VA = Department of Veterans Affairs; n.a. = not applicable.

a. VA makes certain payments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (housing allowances and supplementary benefits) to beneficiaries on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month occurs on a weekend or holiday, VA will make the payments on the preceding business day. When this occurs in October (the beginning of the fiscal year), the payment is made at the end of September (in the preceding fiscal year). This results in shifting the October payments in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2029 backward into fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2028, respectively.