

**Change to Chapter 30 Montgomery G.I. Bill:**

The opt-out timeline for the Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program has been extended. Starting January 5, 2023, new recruits, candidates at the officer candidate school (OCS), and direct commission members entering the Coast Guard have a 90-day window following 180 days after the date each member entered initial training to opt out of the MGIB program. The previous two-week requirement has been rescinded. This change is new for those who access into the service on or after January 5, 2023. It is also recommended that commands include this change in any onboarding paperwork and checklists they have at the unit level.

Eligible active duty uniformed service members are automatically enrolled for educational assistance under the MGIB program. Eligible members will have their pay reduced by \$1,200 dollars (\$100 a month for 12 consecutive months) unless they opt out of such benefits in writing, except as otherwise provided under specific authority, such as transition benefit programs.

**To enroll or disenroll, members must use the [DD Form 2366](#), “Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB),” to document uniformed service member enrollment and disenrollment.**

Effective January 5, 2023, pay reductions will begin on the date that is 270 days after members enter initial training.

Moving forward, eligible members will be counseled on the MGIB program at least once within 270 days of entering active duty. Service members must be given the opportunity to disenroll from the MGIB program during the 90-day period beginning on the day that marks 180 days after their entry into initial training. Most enlisted, OCS, and direct commission members who entered the Coast Guard in January 2023 are well within their 90 day window following their initial 180 days of service. These members “must” be counseled on the MGIB ASAP and are required to complete a DD form 2366 NLT 269 days of entering the Coast Guard. This counseling and completion of the MGIB election form should be accomplished in the member’s ADMIN section of their first duty station. Members who entered the Coast Guard on January 5, 2023, have until October 3, 2023 to make their election.

**\*\*\*Side note\*\*\* Service members are automatically eligible for Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits after 90 qualifying days of service. If the service member elects Chapter 30 MGIB now and later decide they want Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill, they can apply for Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill if they have never applied for Chapter 30 MGIB.**

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