



EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

CHAPTER 33 POST 9/11 GI BILL® & TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT

The Post 9/11 GI Bill® provides educational benefits to veterans and veterans' dependents. Tuition and fees for these students are covered by this Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefit, up to the percentage a veteran is eligible for, which is based on their length of active-duty service since September 11, 2001.

- Tuition and fees for students using the Post 9/11 benefit are paid directly to EWU.
- A book and supplies stipend are paid to the student by the VA at a set rate per credit hour.
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is paid directly to the student.

To Start We Will Need the Following:

1. **VA Approval** – We will need a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Please scan/email back to our office. You can get the most current COE at either VA site here:
 - a. www.va.gov/education/gi-bill/post-9-11/ch-33-benefit/ or www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
 - b. If you need to apply for it go to the VA Online Application: <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
2. **Class Schedule** – Once your final student course registration has been completed, you are required to submit your final Concise Student Schedule to the EWU VRC office. You can do this by sending via email or delivering in person to our office. Follow the instructions at the EWU VRC website for the correct format we require: <https://inside.ewu.edu/veterans/schedule-submission/>
 - a. Enrollments will not be reported to the VA until we receive your Concise Student Schedule.

Other Key Points:

EWU Admission Application Fee

- Undergraduate: There is a \$60 application fee that is required at the time it is submitted. This fee is not covered.
- Graduate: There is a \$75 application fee that is required at the time it is submitted. This fee is not covered.

EWU Admission Confirmation Fee – All new undergraduate students must confirm their intent to enroll by paying a \$275 confirmation fee. The VA will reimburse this fee the first quarter the VRC certifies your enrollment with the VA.

Full Time Enrollment – The VA uses the below minimum credits for determining full time enrollment. Any credits below this number is prorated. Courses must fulfill degree requirements as outlined by the EWU Catalog. The VA will also cover courses for a second major or any minors. If you take a course that does not fulfill your degree requirement, it cannot be certified for VA purposes. Excessive electives, for example, cannot be certified.

Quarter/SEM	Undergraduate	Graduate	Accelerated Grad
Fall-Winter-Spring	12 Credits	8 Credits	4 Credits
Summer	8 Credits	6 Credits	4 Credits

- See how summer credits work: <https://inside.ewu.edu/veterans/how-summer-quarter-works/>
- If a student makes a change to their course schedule after their course certification has been submitted to the VA, the student may be responsible for paying back the VA for any payments submitted to the school or student.

Monthly Enrollment Verification: Students are required to verify their enrollment with the VA at the end of each month starting 1 JAN 2022. Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact your MHA and/or kicker payments. Students with a US mobile phone number on file will receive an opt-in text as their next enrollment period approaches. After opting-in, you can simply reply to a monthly text message from VA to verify your enrollment.

- If you choose not to opt into text verification or decide to opt-out in the future, you have the option of verifying enrollment by email.

Payment Distribution - VA processes 3 payments:

1. **Tuition & Fees** – are paid directly to EWU from the VA.
 - Prior to billing the VA for a student’s tuition, the EWU VRC deducts any financial aid (grants, scholarships, military assistance, etc.) that are for tuition. “Tuition & fees” include mandatory fees and course fees. They do not include housing, meal plans, books, supplies.
 - VA requires “Dual Certification” and will certify credit hours prior to the start of the quarter so book stipend and MHA is processed. EWU bills the VA for tuition and fees after the 10th day of the term.
 - It is possible that these charges will be paid by any financial aid before the VA disperses payment to EWU. If the VA payment creates a credit balance it will disperse to you through your EagleNet student account.
2. **Book Stipend** – VA pays approximately \$41.67 per certified credit, up to 24 credits for the academic year. VA uses an academic year from August 1 to July 31. Student is responsible to pay for ALL INCLUSIVE BOOK fees reflected on their tuition/fee statement each term. The maximum stipend each academic year is \$1000.
3. **Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)** – MHA disperses the last day of each month for the prior month’s enrollment. Payment is prorated based on first and last day of the term. Benefits will not be paid during breaks.
 - MHA is based on EWU Campus locations (Main or Extension). See the GI Bill® Comparison Tool for the most current BAH rates based on campus location: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/profile/11112047
 - Spouses who have been transferred benefits do not receive MHA, however children do.

Non-Resident Tuition Fees – VA pays the actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees. Tuition above the in-state rate (WUE or out-of-state) is the responsibility of the student. See our Waiver forms to see if you are eligible for in-state tuition rates if you are coded as an “out-of-state” student. inside.ewu.edu/veterans/waivers/

Graduation Application Fee – VA will pay the graduation application fee when it is time to apply for graduation.

Grading/End of Term Processing – At the end of each term the VRC Office is required to report academic progress back to VA. Status and performance such as academic probation, academic dismissal, failing grades, no credit earned must be reported to VA and could create an overpayment (debt) of any benefits received.

Schedule Changes/Dropping/Withdrawing/Leaving the University – If a student makes a change to their course schedule after their course certification has been submitted to the VA by the EWU VRC, the student may be responsible for paying back the VA any payments the VA paid the student. Note that after each term’s 50% refund deadline, EWU will not issue a refund to a student who has dropped a course. Additional fees may occur for schedule changes which the student is responsible for paying.

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