

## MQFP® Study Guide 2.3: Reserve and Guard Education Benefits

### Learning Objectives:

#### 2.3 Reserve and Guard Education Benefits

- a. List the requirements for Reserve and Guard members to become eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill

90 days of active service: To qualify for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Reserve and Guard members need to have served on active duty for at least 90 consecutive days since September 10, 2001.

Service connected to specific events: Eligibility can also be established based on serving at least 30 continuous days of active duty service, which might have been performed due to an involuntary call-up related to certain contingencies or national emergencies. These might include events like national disasters or other missions.

Percentage of Benefits: The percentage of benefits that an individual qualifies for depends on the length of qualifying active duty service. For instance, serving for at least 36 months of qualifying service will result in full eligibility for the maximum benefit, whereas serving for less time will provide a lower percentage of the total benefit.

Duration of Benefits: Depending on the length of qualifying service, individuals may be eligible for varying lengths of time to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. The benefits can cover education and training programs, including degree programs, vocational/technical training, and apprenticeships.

#### **Exercise 1:** Post 9/11 GI Bill Eligibility Requirements

List and describe the requirements that Reserve and Guard members must meet to become eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill, including the minimum period of active duty service, type of service, and other qualifying factors.

- b. Describe where reservists may find information about state education benefits

Military reservists and National Guard members can typically find information about state veterans education benefits through various channels, including:

State Veterans Affairs Offices: Each state usually has a Veterans Affairs (VA) office or department that handles veteran-related affairs. Reservists and Guard members can reach out to these offices to inquire about available education benefits for veterans. [List of state VA webpages](#)

State Department of Education: Some state education departments collaborate with veteran support organizations to provide information about educational benefits for reservists and National Guard members. Checking with the state's Department of Education can yield valuable information.

State Veterans Organizations: Organizations like the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and other state-based veterans groups often have resources and information regarding educational benefits. They can guide individuals on available programs and how to apply for them.

Online Resources: Many states provide information about veteran benefits on their official websites. Reservists and Guard members can visit these websites to find details about educational benefits, eligibility criteria, and application procedures. [List of state VA webpages](#)

Military Installations: Local armories, military bases, or reserve centers often have information about state-specific veteran benefits. Veterans Service Officers or representatives stationed at these facilities can provide guidance and information regarding education benefits.

Networking with Other Veterans: Connecting with other veterans who have utilized state education benefits can offer practical insights and personal experiences. They may provide valuable tips on navigating the application process and making the most of available benefits.

**Exercise 2: State Education Benefits Information**

Identify and describe reliable sources where Reserve and Guard members can find information about state-specific education benefits, such as tuition assistance, scholarships, grants, and other educational resources offered by individual states.

**Quiz: (True or False)**

1. Reserve and Guard members are automatically eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill after joining the Reserves/Guard.

- a) True
- b) False

2. The Post 9/11 GI Bill requires Reserve and Guard members to serve a minimum of 24 months of active duty service to become eligible.

- a) True
- b) False

3. State education benefits for Reserve and Guard members are the same across all states and territories.

- a) True
- b) False

4. Reserve and Guard members can find information about state education benefits only through their unit commanders.

- a) True

b) False

**References:**

- GI Bill® Comparison Tool, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

- State Benefits Information, National Guard Bureau Education Services Office:  
<https://www.nationalguard.com/education-programs/state-benefits>

- State and Territory Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): <https://www.va.gov/statedva.htm>

\*Answer Key can be found at: <https://mqfp.org/study-guides/8> \*