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FACT SHEET: Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

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The federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, signed into law on June 30, 2008 (PL 110-252), effective August 1, 2009, will provide up to 36 full-time months educational benefits for qualifying veterans for the 15 year period following discharge or release from the last period of active duty military service. More information: www.WisVets.com/Education.

COVERED VETERANS:

Category	If the Veteran has Aggregate Post-9/11 Active Duty Military service of at least...	...but less than	...and...	...then the rate of payment for tuition and fees, living allowance, and stipend, is:
1	36 months	N/A	includes active duty service for entry level and skill training	100%
2	30 continuous days	N/A	is discharged or released due to a service-connected disability	100%
3	30 months	36 months	includes active duty service for entry level and skill training	90%
4	24 months	30 months	includes active duty service for entry level and skill training	80%
5	18 months	24 months	excludes active duty service for entry level and skill training	70%
6	12 months	18 months	excludes active duty service for entry level and skill training	60%
7	6 months	12 months	excludes active duty service for entry level and skill training	50%
8	90 days	6 months	excludes active duty service for entry level and skill training	40%

CORE BENEFITS:

- I. **Tuition and Fees Payments:** Lump sum payment made directly to the school per quarter, semester, or term, with the maximum rate of payment equal to the full established charges for the program of study (not to exceed the maximum in-state rate for full-time study at the highest-cost in-state public institution).

For private schools participating in the *Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education Enhancement Program*, VA will match the remaining charges with the participating school.

- II. **Housing Stipend:** A maximum monthly rate of payment equal to the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate for an E-5 with dependents, based on the school's zip code. The student must be enrolled for greater than half-time. (See: <http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/bah.html>).
- III. **Stipend for Additional Educational Costs:** Maximum rate of payment of \$1,000 each year for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational costs, paid in a lump sum prorated by quarter, semester, or term.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- **Tutorial Assistance:** Maximum payment of \$100 per month, up to a 12-month or \$1,200 maximum.
- **Relocation Assistance:** A one-time \$500 payment for qualifying individuals.
- **Licensure or certification:** Maximum payment of \$2,000 or the actual cost of one test, whichever is less.
- **Transfer to Dependents:** An active duty service member with qualifying service with an agreement to serve additional years may transfer unused benefits to the veteran's spouse (upon 6 or more years of service) or children (transfer at 6 years of service, with use beginning at 10 or more years of service; child must be age 18 or older).