**Education Rates Pages**

[GH Epic 9302](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/9302)

While rates pages for other benefit hubs (like disability and pension) were migrated from the legacy to the modernized site, education rates still live only on legacy pages.

The task now is to create modernized pages for the current year, and, once approved, to clone those and populate with the past 3 years’ historical rates.

The most recent rates are the ones on the top of the legacy pages. These are “2021” rates which carry over into 2022.

In building new pages, use conventions from pages like va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/birth-defect-rates/

(For example, dollar signs appear only in column headers, not in each row.)

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| **Page** | **GH Ticket** | **Notes** |
| <https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/> | [8592](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8592) | <http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=1007> |
| <https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/montgomery-active-duty-rates/> | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8634 | NEW ACCORDIONS PAGE I CREATED:  <http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=39472>  Previous version in Drupal (no accordions):  [preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=5355](http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=5355) |
| [Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) rates](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8593) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8593 | Old Drupal page: [prod.cms.va.gov/node/1009/edit](http://prod.cms.va.gov/node/1009/edit)  New Drupal page: <https://prod.cms.va.gov/202x-post-911-gi-bill-chapter-33-rates> |
| [Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) rates](https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch1606/ch1606rates100118.asp) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8635 |  |
| https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits\_resources/rates/600\_buyup.asp | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8636 |  |
| [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35) rates](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8637) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8637 |  |
| [Post-9/11 GI Bill monthly housing allowance rates](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8638) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8638 |  |
| [Post-9/11 GI Bill Resident Rate Requirements](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8639) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8639 |  |
| [Apply to restore GI Bill benefits](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8641) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8641 |  |
| [Compare education benefits](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8640) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8640 |  |
| [Post-9/11 GI Bill Resident Rate Requirements](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8639) | https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8639 |  |

**Update all pages as follows**

* Incorporate review notes in [GH Epic 9302](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/9302)
* Incorporate additional notes in individual page ticket
* Use conventions from pages like va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/birth-defect-rates/  
  (For example, dollar signs appear only in column headers, not in each row.)
* Change any instance of benefits rates (plural benefits) to benefit rates (singular benefit)
* Optimize for SEO keywords
* Add keywords to metadata in Drupal
* Update year in all locations:  
  Title tag  
  Meta description  
  H1  
  Intro text
* Update rates tables per latest rates on legacy page
* Edit for plain language and VA.gov style standards
* Revise “sighted” language
* Add relevant related links
* QA against [Pre-Publishing Checklist](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/blob/master/teams/vsa/teams/sitewide-content/checklists/prepublishing-checklist.md)
* Double check rates against legacy page

**IA notes**

* Keep URLS year-agnostic for the current year

**Notes and questions**

I had condensed two tables into one, putting the “added amounts” in a column of the basic rates, rather than having as a separate table. Need to separate back into two tables.

Screenshot current page (one table)

Restructure into two tables like:

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| Two tables | Condensed into one table |
| Table  Description automatically generated | Table  Description automatically generated |

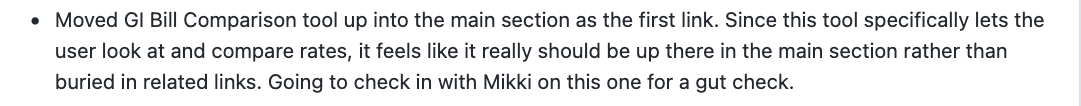
## Education benefit rates

GH Epic: [9302](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/9302)

GH Issue: [8592](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8592)

Drupal link: <http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=1007>

NOTES AND QUESTIONS

The H1 would read better this way: **Current rates for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other VA education benefits** but I wrote it as it currently appears for SEO.  
  
Need confirmation on where the GI Bill Comparison tool should go.   
Comment in GH epic:   


Comment in GH issue:



- I followed https://www.va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/ as a guide and used “current” rather than the year in H1, meta title and meta description.

- Should we replace the link to a Resident Requirements” page with a link to our R&S Section 702 article—and not move forward with the page described in ticket https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8639 ?

- Worked SEO keywords “Post-9/11 GI Bill rates” and “VA education benefits rates” into H1 and meta title

- Removed link to Reap (Chapter 1607) rates

- Removed reference to Reap link summary for $600 Buy Up Program

- Moved **GI Bill Comparison tool** from Main content area to Related links box at bottom of page

- Added **Compare VA Education benefits** to Related links

- Replaced straight apostrophes with curly

**- NOTE**: Update link to $600 Buy-Up program rates from legacy to Drupal once page is built

## 2021 Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD) rates

GH Epic: [9302](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/9302)

GH Issue: [8634](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8634)

Legacy page:

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits\_resources/rates/ch30/ch30rates100121.asp

Old Drupal page: [preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=5355](http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=5355)

New Drupal page: <http://preview-prod.vfs.va.gov/preview?nodeId=39472>

NOTES AND QUESTIONS

Intro feels too long. Can we take just have the $600 Buy Up program appear in the More information section?

NOTES AND QUESTIONS

ACCORDIONS

With 3 categories of rates containing 4-5 types of rates under each, accordions provide a more scannable page. Example: https://www.va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/veteran-rates/

It didn’t feel like we still needed language like “if you served x years” in each accordion so I removed it.

SEO

The GH ticket includes **montgomery gi bill rates** along with **mgib rates** and **chapter 30 gi bill rates** as key words. I included these in the meta description but not in page content because VA.gov doesn’t refer to Montgomery GI Bill without it being followed by either active duty or selected reserve. Nor do we mention Chapter 30 on the [tier 1 page](https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/).

Also confirmed that mgib-ad-specific keywords perform poorly:

* **mgib-ad rates**: mo. vol. unavailable
* **montgomery gi bill active duty rates**: mo. vol. unavailable

MILITARY TRAINEE

I left the reference to military trainees in the intro as it seems to apply to everything else on the page. It seems a bit in the weeds for the intro but I couldn’t find a better solution as I didn’t want to repeat it multiple times down the page.

MAXIMUM V. ACTUAL PAYMENTS

Because education benefit payments are based on so many factors, I qualified that amounts in the table are “maximum,” and that “actual” payments may be different.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill rates

GH epic: [9302](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/9302)

GH issue: [8593](https://github.com/department-of-veterans-affairs/va.gov-team/issues/8593)

Legacy page: https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits\_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080119.asp

Old Drupal page: [prod.cms.va.gov/node/1009/edit](http://prod.cms.va.gov/node/1009/edit)

New Drupal page: <https://prod.cms.va.gov/202x-post-911-gi-bill-chapter-33-rates>

INTRO

Used maximum v. actual language

RATES

Removed the reference to the Fry Scholarship as it doesn’t feel like it belongs in the intro. Moved lower on the page.Recommend having a separate page for these rates and utilizing specific keywords.