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SUBJ/POST 9-11 GI BILL UPDATES//

REF/A/DOC/USD P&R/31MAY15//
REF/B/DOC/OPNAV/2MAR15//
REF/C/DOC/BUPERS/15AUG14//
NARR/REF A IS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION 1341.13, POST 9-11 GI BILL.
REF B IS OPNAVINST 1780.4, POST 9-11 GI BILL.
REF C IS BUPERSNOTE 1780, POST 9-11 GI BILL.

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces significant changes to Post 9-11 GI Bill transfer of education benefits (TEB) eligibility implemented in reference (a). Policies herein supersede policies set forth in references (b) and (c).

2. The Department of Defense (DoD) has updated reference (a) to reinforce TEB as a retention incentive that requires members to be eligible for and agree to serve 4 additional years of service on active duty or in the selected reserve beyond the date they elect to transfer their benefits. Members must complete the full 4-year service obligation to retain TEB unless involuntarily separated as indicated in enclosure (3) of reference (a), subparagraphs 3g(2)(a) through 3g(2)(h). Failure to complete this obligation will result in the amount of any transferred entitlement that is used as of the date of such failure being treated as an overpayment of educational assistance and shall be subject to collection by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3. Changes listed in this NAVADMIN do not impact Sailors whose TEB applications submitted in the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) milConnect web portal at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil>, have been approved.

4. TEB Eligibility

a. Effective immediately, all members requesting to transfer unused education benefits to eligible dependents must meet eligibility requirements to serve 4 additional years on active duty or in the selected reserve from the date of election in DMDC milConnect.

b. Former exceptions that permitted individuals with at least 10 years of service to obligate less than 4 years of service if precluded by statute or standard policy (DoD or Service) in return for TEB are cancelled.

c. Documentation of additional service obligation requirements found in references (b) and (c) remain unchanged.

d. Effective 12 July 2019, TEB will only be available for members with at least 6 years of service up to a maximum of 16 years of service who are

eligible for and agree to 4 additional years of service beyond the date they elect to transfer their benefits.

THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE THAT IMPACTS SENIOR SAILORS WITH 16 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE. ACTION IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO 12 JULY 2019 TO PRESERVE THE ABILITY TO TRANSFER BENEFITS OR THEY WILL BE LOST.

5. Revised NAVPERS 1070/613, (page 13) language. Effectively immediately, all required page 13 entries in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) must read as follows: *I understand by signing this NAVPERS 1070/613, I certify that I am retainable under all statutes and Navy policies for 4 years, and I agree to complete 4 more years in the Armed Forces (active or SELRES) from the date I request transferability of Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits to my dependents or family members using the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) milConnect web site. I understand that failure to complete this obligation may lead to an overpayment by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for any benefit payments made to my dependents or family members that may be recouped.*

6. Part two of this change will announce updates to streamline the TEB submission procedures.

7. Points of Contact

a. OPNAV N127 point of contact is Mr. James Johnson who can be reached at (703)604-5256/DSN 664 or via e-mail at james.p.johnson(at)navy.mil.

b. Active duty, Full-Time Support and Selected Reserve points of contact are contained in reference (c).

8. This NAVADMIN will remain in effect until superseded or canceled, whichever occurs first.

9. Released by Vice Admiral R. P. Burke, N1.//

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