GI Bill® OJT FAQ's

Which GI Bill® benefits qualify for the OJT program?

The following GI Bill® benefits qualify for the OJT program; however, the amount of financial benefit may vary depending on which education benefit is used and other factors such as cumulative Post-9/11 active-duty service, completed enlistment period, and dependents. Calculate your estimated benefits here; if prompted enter "Gavin de Becker and Associates".

- 1. Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33)
- 2. Fry Scholarship (Ch. 33)
- 3. Montgomery GI Bill (Ch. 30)
- 4. Select Reserve GI Bill (Ch. 1606)
- 5. Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) (Ch. 31)
- 6. Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) (Ch. 35)

I have never used the benefit before, how do I know if I am eligible?

You can apply for benefits on www.va.gov; the VA will determine your eligibility. It will take about 30 days for the VA to process an application and send you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). You can also check VA.gov, as sometimes the VA will post your benefits on there before you receive the physical copy of the letter. You can submit a screenshot of the VA.gov page in place of the paper copy of the COE. Number of months, days, and percentage must be clearly visible.

How can I find out how much GI Bill® I have left?

You can contact the VA at 1-888-442-4551 to check your remaining entitlement under the Education tab on your VA.gov account, or to check the most recent Certificate of Eligibility you received in the mail.

I already used some of my benefits elsewhere and don't have 24 months left. Can I still sign up for GDBA OJT benefits?

Yes, but you will only remain eligible for OJT benefits for the length of entitlement that you have remaining on your benefit.

Additional general information about the program is available on the VA Websites:

- OJT Overview http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/onthejob_apprenticeship.asp
- OJT Fact Sheet http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/OJT Factsheet.pdf
- Rate Tables http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits resources/rate tables.asp
 (Click on your benefit chapter and scroll down to "Apprenticeship and OJT Training Rates")