

## Career Changers - Military GI Bill

Veterans, National Guard, Reservists & Eligible Dependents Use GI Bill Educational Benefits in Apprenticeship or On-the-Job Training Programs

How to Begin Contact the Veterans Affairs Regional Processing Office (888-442-4551) to determine your eligibility for GI Bill education benefits (Guard and Reserve see your education officer). They will want to know your social security number and birth date. If you are eligible for GI Bill educational benefits and have an employer who is willing to place you into an Apprenticeship or On-the-Job Training program, contact your respective State Approving Agency located at <http://www.saavetrain.org> - click on Veterans Education Officer and choose your state: If you do not have a job or if you are not working in the career position you desire and are underemployed, contact your local one stop Workforce Development center. They can also help you develop a resume to communicate your skills, experiences and education to prospective employers.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs will also provide educational or vocational guidance, if requested: 800-827-1000. Determining Eligibility

Chapter 30: Must have entered active duty after July 1, 1985, and contributed \$100 per month during the first year of service to the Montgomery GI Bill.

Chapter 35: A surviving spouse or dependent of a killed / missing in action or a 100% service connected disabled veteran with wartime service.

Chapter 1606: National Guard and Reserve members with a 6-year commitment. Contact your National Guard or Reserve Unit to obtain your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE).

Chapter 1607: On or after September 11, 2001, if the member served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for 90 consecutive days or more. Contact your Guard or Reserve Unit to verify your eligibility and obtain your NOBE.

Apprenticeship and OJT Benefits to the Veteran

Benefits to the Employer

- Long term employment
- Educated in the area of training
- Fast track into supervision
- Excellent work environment
- Recognized throughout the industry
- Excellent income
- Longevity of employee
- Increased productivity
- Quality output
- Saves time (less waste, scrap and rework)
- Safer work environment
- Saves money 1 (Source: This information and text was provided courtesy of the State Approving Agency, Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs)