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## Memorandum

From: Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support

Subject: Transference of Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits

To: PHS Officers

On August 1<sup>st</sup> you should be able to logon to the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) web application ( <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/> ) and apply for transference of your unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to your eligible dependents. Submitting the online transfer request will result in the VA certifying your eligibility for Post-9/11 education benefits, processing the transfer request, and **making the request available in the TEB web application for PHS review and approval.**

This includes officers who were not previously eligible for VA educational benefits and officers who were eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) who are transferring their remaining MGIB entitlement to the Post-9/11 program.

**However, most PHS officers will not be able to logon to the TEB web application on August 1<sup>st</sup>.** This is because most officers do not have one of the following identifier sets necessary to successfully logon to the TEB application:

1. An active duty Common Access Card (CAC) with a pin number and card reader;
2. A Department of Defense (DoD) self-service (DS) logon (consisting of a Username and Password), or
3. A Defense Financial and Accounting Services (DFAS) Login ID and Password.

All active duty PHS officers have the CAC (active duty) ID card and were required to create a numeric pin number when that card was issued. But most officers don't have access to CAC card readers, and have forgotten their numeric pin numbers due to lack of use. Also you have to have a CAC card and card reader to apply for a DoD logon, and PHS officers are not paid through DFAS so they don't have DFAS ID's or passwords.

This problem should be eliminated in November when DoD intends to implement a "Remote Accessing" program to verify individuals' identity and eligibility, and then issue them a DoD self-service logon and password. Officers who don't have one of the three identifiers listed above, and who don't need to transfer their unused benefits immediately should wait until the remote verifying program is implemented.

## Obtaining a DS Logon

Instructions for obtaining the DS Logon can be found on the VA's Web site using the eBenefits portal at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> and require that you visit either a TRICARE Service Center (TSC) or VA Regional Office (VARO) to complete the DS Logon process. The additional Remote Accessing option scheduled to go into effect in November does not require the use of a card reader nor a visit to a TSC or VARO and will provide the quickest means of obtaining a DS Logon. More details on Remote Accessing will be provided as they become available.

## Transferability Procedures

The transference of education benefits is a five step process that begins when the officer requests to transfer benefits at the Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) website: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>

Step #1: Officer requests transfer of benefits.

- a. Logon with CAC card, DoD Self-Service Logon, or DFAS PIN
- b. Click on each empty box to acknowledge each statement on TEB site.
- c. Click "EDIT" to open eligible dependents name
- d. Select transfer begin date.
- e. Select transfer end date.
- f. Select number of months to transfer to each dependent.
- g. Do not check "revoke" unless revoking a transfer.
- h. Click save; Officer's status on the TEB page reflects "submitted"; date of status will be blank.

Step #2: Officer notifies certifying official that a request was submitted.

- By email at [OCCOHelpdesk@hhs.gov](mailto:OCCOHelpdesk@hhs.gov) or
- By phone at (240) 453-6130

Step #3: Certifying officials will approve the transfer of benefits:

- After officer is provided with and completes a statement of understanding regarding the required additional service.

Step #4: Dependents establish eligibility - certificate of eligibility from the VA

- a. Dependents must log on the VA VONAPP website and establish their account with the VA <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
- b. Complete VA Form 22-1990e, (do not use any other form)
- c. Submitted VA Form 22-1990e via the website

- d. A hard copy of the form is accessible as a pdf form that has to be mailed.  
Hard copy form can be found at:  
<http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990e-ARE.pdf>

Step #5:

- a. School must complete a VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, and submit to the VA, which validates the status of the eligible dependent and  
b. allows tuition payment to the school / stipend payment to the student.

Additional Service Exceptions  
for  
Retirement Eligible Officers

Number of years of active uniformed service as of 1 August 2009

For those with 20 or more years of active duty on 1 August 2009

- no additional service is required.

For those eligible for retirement after 1 August 2009 and before 1 August 2010

- 1 year of additional service is required.

For those eligible for retirement after 1 August 2010 and before 1 August 2011

- 2 years of additional service is required.

For those eligible for retirement after 1 August 2011 and before 1 August 2012

- 3 years of additional service is required.

Any questions, suggestions, or concerns should be directed to the PHS VA Educational Benefits Coordinator

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