

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 09-11

**DATE:** March 5, 2012

**TO:** Labor Exchange Administrators  
One Stop Career Center Operators  
Maryland Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Recipients and Subrecipients

**SUBJECT:** Changes to the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

**PURPOSE:** This WIFI communicates changes to the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 as outlined in the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Training Employment Notice (TEN) No. 29-11.

**REFERENCES:** TEN No. 29-11, Post 9/11 Veterans Education Improvements Act of 2010; Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, Title V of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008; Training Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 10-09 Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses; TEN No. 15-11 Gold Card Initiative; TEN No. 15-10 Protocol for Implementing Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses; TEGL No. 02-07 Leveraging Registered Apprenticeship as a Workforce Development Strategy; 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 3687.

**BACKGROUND**

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 is Title V of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110-252, H.R. 2642, an Act of Congress which became law on June 30, 2008. The act amended Part III of Title 38, United States Code to include a new Chapter 33, which expands the educational benefits for military veterans who have served since September 11, 2001, who receive an honorable discharge.

The Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008, commonly referred to as the "Post 9/11 GI Bill" is administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate military service, or 30 days continuous service, after September 10, 2001.

On January 4, 2011, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Improvement Act of 2010 was signed into law. The legislation amended the post 9/11 GI Bill, and includes provisions for new training and education opportunities for veterans that will support their transition to civilian jobs.

Changes effective October 1, 2011:

- Allows students to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill for –
  - Non-college degree (NCD) programs: Non-college degree (NCD) programs offered at non-degree granting schools: Pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees or \$17,500, whichever is less. Also pays up to \$83 per month for books and supplies

- On-the-job training and registered apprenticeship: Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.
- Flight programs: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000, whichever is less.
- Correspondence training: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500, whichever is less.
- Housing allowance is now payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance payable is equal to half the national average of monthly basic (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents.
- Allows students on active duty to receive books, supplies and stipends.

A downloadable pamphlet which provides more information is available at:

[http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/ch33\\_pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf)

Further resources are available listed on pages 4 and 5 of TEN No. 29-11.

[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten\\_29\\_11\\_acc.pdf](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEN/ten_29_11_acc.pdf)

**ACTION TO  
BE TAKEN:**

Maryland's Workforce Development System staff should be aware of the changes to the Post 9/11 GI Bill, most notably those that took effect on October 1, 2011.

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