

Policy Message 07-03 (C1)

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SUBJECT: MGIB Transferability of Benefits Program

1. Effective 21 July 2006, The Secretary of the Army authorized Regular Army Soldiers with six or more years of active service serving in an MOSs designated as critical the option to transfer up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program to enhance the retention.

2. Soldiers must meet the following criteria to be eligible for participation in this program:

a. Must have enrolled in MGIB on DD Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. Career Counselors must verify enrollment by reviewing the Soldier's original enlistment documents.

b. Possess a critical military skill which is defined as Soldier who qualifies for a "MOS-specific" Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) incentive and is entitled to a Zone B or Zone C bonus at the time of reenlistment. Soldiers reenlisting for the SRB - Deployed Program ARE NOT entitled to the MGIB Transferability Program because their bonus is "MOS-immaterial/non-specific". This program is limited to specific critical skills by law.

c. Must have completed at least six years of total active federal service at the time of reenlistment and reenlist for a minimum of four years.

d. Complete the RETAIN version of DD Form 2366-2, Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) Transferability Program. This applies even in cases where a spouse is not designated at the time of reenlistment to receive benefits. ***Soldiers need not be married to participate in this program.*** The form serves as an election and proof of participation in the program. If a spouse is designated at a later date, a new DD Form 2366-2 must be completed. Soldiers will complete a new form through their servicing Career Counselor each time a change is made. Example: Soldier divorces spouse designated to receive his/her MGIB entitlement; Soldier may change the beneficiary on DD Form 2366-2 to remove the former spouse or designate a new spouse, if applicable.

3. Eligible Soldiers who elect transfer of MGIB benefits at time of reenlistment will have their entitlement to an SRB multiplier reduced by 0.5. Example: Soldier is entitled to an SRB multiplier of 1.5 and elects to transfer MGIB benefits to his/her spouse, the adjusted SRB multiplier is 1.0. If a Soldier elects to participate in the program and later changes his/her mind, the reduction in his/her SRB cannot be refunded.

4. When completing the form on RETAIN the following statement will appear on Block 8B of DD Form 4/1: "I ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MGIB TRANSFERABILITY PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND MY SRB ON LINE 8B(2) WILL BE REDUCED BY 0.5 AND CANNOT BE REFUNDED AT A LATER DATE. INITIAL_____". In addition, DD Form 2366-2 will be made an annex to the reenlistment contract and distributed IAW AR 601-280.

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5. Soldiers participating in the BEAR Program are not eligible for the MGIB Transferability of Benefits Program upon entry into the BEAR program. However, providing they meet the eligibility requirements when they execute the reenlistment upon completion of training they may elect to participate.

6. POCs for this message are SGM Carpenter, DSN 221-6933 and Mrs. Carroll, DSN 221-4174.

End Policy Message 07-03

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