

RMB Message 07-11(C3)

20 April 2007

SUBJECT: MGIB Transferability of Benefits Program Processing

Background: The Secretary of the Army authorized soldiers to ability to transfer up to 18 months of their MGIB benefits to their spouse as a pilot program.

1. This program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Critical skill is defined as a soldier who qualifies for a MOS specific SRB incentive and is entitled to a Zone B or Zone C bonus at the time of reenlistment. Soldiers must elect to participate at the time of reenlistment and must reenlist for a minimum of 4 years.
2. Soldiers who do not select the MGIB Transferability option at the time of reenlistment will not be eligible to participate in the program until a subsequent reenlistment period.
3. This program applies to Regular Army Soldiers. Reserve or Guard Soldiers cannot participate in this program.
4. The law currently allows transferability under certain criteria to any Soldier eligible for MGIB-Active Duty under Title 38, U.S. Code Title 10, Chapter 30, and Section 3020. Soldiers who meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the MGIB Transferability of Benefits Program IAW Policy Message 06-10 will be processed as follows:
 - a. **Counselors must verify the Soldier enrolled in MGIB upon entry to active duty by signing the DD Form 2366.** Attach the DD Form 2366-2 to the reenlistment contract, distribute IAW AR 601-280, and maintain a copy of this document in the soldier's residual file.
 - b. Soldier must use and fill out the DD FORM 2366-2, Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) Transferability Program available on RETAIN. Do not download or use any other form for initial enrollment in this program.
 - c. Instructions for DD Form 2366-2:
 - (1) If the Soldier elects to participate but chooses not to designate a spouse at the time of reenlistment, leave Block 2 blank and complete blocks 1 and 4. Designations can be made later by completing a new DD Form 2366-2.
 - (2) If the Soldier elects to participate and designates his spouse at the time of reenlistment, complete blocks 1 and 2. Blocks 2f and 2g - The start and end dates are set by the participant as long as he is within program rules. RETAIN will automatically fill in "By law" in block 2g (end date). You may type in a beginning date or use "By law" for block 2f (start date).

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(3) Without the completed family data (or correct information) the Spouse will not receive the entitlement.

(4) The Career Counselor then completes blocks 3 and 4 after verifying that the Soldier's spouse is in DEERS and the Soldier is eligible to participate in transferability.

(5) Once completed the Career Counselor provides a copy to the Soldier and scans and emails to AHRC Alexandria, Force Alignment Division email:
sheryl.carroll@us.army.mil

5. Upon selection and completion of the MGIB form on RETAIN the below message will be an automatic fill on DD Form 4/1:

8b: 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. INITIALS _____."

6. Instructions for confirming the reenlistment: Enter actual SRB Multiplier listed on the current MILPER Message in Bonus MULT box on confirm screen. Select appropriate. When calculating SRB Amount: calculate bonus based off of Bonus Mult minus 0.5. Reduced SRB (0.5) will be an automatic fill into the Bonus AMT box once you enter the actual SRB multiplier on the confirmation screen. Failure to compute bonus amount based off of lower multiplier will delay SRB payment until the amount is resolved on the SRB Discrepancy Report.

Example: SM PMOS is 11B1 eligible for a "B" Zone Bonus. MILPER Message 06-042 authorizes a Bonus Multiplier of 1.5B. Soldier elects the MGIB Transferability of Benefits Program.

On Confirmation screen, CC will enter:

Bonus MULT: 1.5B

Bonus AMT: Using multiplier of 1.0, SRB Lump Sum Amount

7. POC for this message is SGM Carpenter, RMB and Policy SGM, DSN 221-6933.

End of RMB Message 07-11(C3)

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