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VA ALGEBRA (ENTITLEMENT BENEFITS, RATE OF PURSUIT AND MONTHLY HOUSING, TRAINING TIME)



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TOPICS COVERED

- Entitlement Benefits
- Ch 33: Rate of Pursuit and Entitlement Charge
- Training Time
- Other Items of Note
 - Kickers and \$600 Buy up



Entitlements and Benefits



POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT (CHAPTER 33)

- Payments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefit include:
 - Tuition and fees payments made directly to the facility
 - An annual books and supplies stipend made to the VA beneficiary
- Payments may also potentially include:
 - A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payment to the VA beneficiary
 - A Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) payment to the facility



POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT (CHAPTER 33)

- What is A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)?:
 - Individuals pursuing a program of education at an Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) or a Non-College Degree (NCD) program at a non-degree granting school may be eligible to receive a Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA). The MHA benefit is
 - Based on the military's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate for an E-5 with dependents.
 - Subject to change with each academic year (effective August 1) based on the changes to DoD's BAH rates the preceding January 1.
 - Prorated if eligibility is at less than the 100% benefit level and/or if the student is training at less than full time.
 - To qualify for Monthly Housing Allowance benefits, an individual must be eligible for ch 33 and
 - Enrolled **at more than one-half time** (i.e. **Rate of Pursuit** greater than .50).



POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT (CHAPTER 33)

What is the Yellow Ribbon Program?:

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays in-state tuition and fees for approved programs at public institutions of higher learning (IHLs), or up to an annual academic year maximum for private IHLs. Consequently, the tuition and fees charged may exceed the tuition and fee amounts normally payable under chapter 33.
 - https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp#ch33
- The Yellow Ribbon Program is a matching program that assists beneficiaries whose net charges exceed the amount of tuition and fee benefits payable. IHLs may enter into a voluntary agreement (with VA) to pay for up to one-half of the unpaid net tuition and fee charges. VA will match the amount paid by the institution, up to half of the unpaid tuition and fee charges.



POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT (CHAPTER 33) CONTINUED

- Eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program:
 - 100% Benefit Level:
 - Veterans, spouses of Veterans, and children using transferred entitlement (regardless of the transferor's duty status)
 - Fry Scholarship beneficiaries and Purple Heart recipients.
 - Active-duty members and their spouses using transferred entitlement are not eligible for this program; **this limitation will change effective August 1, 2022.**
- In order to participate, IHLs are required to submit a Yellow Ribbon Program agreement (VA Form 22-0839, Yellow Ribbon Agreement) to VA.
 - March 15 to May 15, 2022 was the open season for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The school will determine the maximum number of students, as well as the maximum contribution amount per student, per academic year.
- VA approves agreements for participation Yellow Ribbon Program information is viewable on the GI Bill Comparison Tool.

<https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>



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NON-CHAPTER 33 BENEFITS

- Non-Chapter 33 benefits are always paid directly to the VA beneficiary and are
- Generally based on a monthly rate or
- If the student is **enrolled less than ½ time**, are the total cost for tuition and fees for a course a school charges all students whose circumstances are similar to VA benefit-eligible individuals enrolled in the same course.
 - “Tuition and fees” will not include the cost of supplies or books that the eligible individual is required to purchase at his or her own expense or any penalty charges such as late fees or course overload fees.
- Specific payment information for Non-Chapter 33 benefits can be found on the [GI Bill website](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp) (https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp)
- A side-by-side comparison chart of VA education benefits can be found on the [GI Bill website](https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison_chart.asp) (https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison_chart.asp)



VOCATIONAL READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CHAPTER 31)

Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits are **not** processed or administered by VA Education.

Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits are similar to VA Education benefits but have their own unique rules and caveats. Questions about certifying VA beneficiaries receiving this benefit should be made to the Veteran's Vocational Readiness and Employment Benefits counselor.

The Education Liaison Representative (ELR) and State Approving Agency (SAA) of jurisdiction will be unable to actively assist with questions regarding Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits.

Additional information about Vocational Readiness and Employment benefits can be found on the [GI Bill website](https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp) (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>)



Ch 33: Rate of Pursuit and Entitlement Charge



CHAPTER 33: RATE OF PURSUIT

Rate of pursuit (RoP) applies specifically to chapter 33.

It differs from training time, which is used for all other chapters.

Schools certify actual credit.

VA calculates RoP by dividing the number of credits (or credit hour equivalents) being pursued by the number of credits considered to be full-time by the school. The resulting percentage is the student's RoP.



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33)

Examples: If full-time is 12 credits, then RoP:

- 6 credits (or credit equivalents) is 50% ($6 / 12 = 50\%$)
 - Note: HOUSING NOT PAID
- 7 credits (or credit equivalents) is 58% ($7 / 12 = 58\%$)
 - Housing is 60%, rounded up but ENTITLEMENT is 58%

($7 / 12 = .58333$) rounded to 5th decimal place



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33)

- **Standard term (15-19 semester or 10-13 quarter):** Credit hours / full-time hours.
 - Round to 5 decimal places.
- **Non-standard term:** Multiply credit hours x 18 (semester) or 12 (quarter) / weeks in term / full-time hours.
 - Round to 5 decimal places.
- **Certificate at Institution of Higher Learning:** 12 / 18 x clock hours / full-time hours.
 - Round to 5 decimal places.
- **Certificate at Vocational School:** Clock hours / full-time hours.
 - Round to 5 decimal places.



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33)

To determine the Rate of Pursuit at Standard Semester:

- Ch. 33 measure of training time: Divide the number of credit hours enrolled (or clock hour equivalent) by the number of enrolled credit hours (or clock hour equivalent) considered full-time at the school. The resulting percentage is the individual's Rate of Pursuit for that award period (rounded to the nearest hundredth).
- Rate of Pursuit will determine the entitlement charged for an IHL award period and determine, if the Monthly Housing Allowance will be paid as well as the rate (beneficiary must be training at the Rate of Pursuit greater than 50% to receive housing).



FULL-TIME AT SCHOOL & VA RATE OF PURSUIT

To determine the Rate of Pursuit at Standard Semester:

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Course	Credits	Term Dates	Location
Biology 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	SW Hall Rm 100
Phy Ed 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	Gym
Biology 100L	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	Science Cr Rm 5
Marketing 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	Business Rm 3
Total	12	Full-time measurement:	12
Rate of Pursuit:	12	/ 12	100%



FULL-TIME AT SCHOOL VS. VA RATE OF PURSUIT

To determine the Rate of Pursuit at Standard Semester:

Course	Credits	Term Dates	Location
Biology 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	SW Hall Rm 100
Phy Ed 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	Gym
Biology 100L	3	3/6/20-5/4/20	Science Cr Rm 5
Marketing 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20	Business Rm 3
Total	12		



FULL-TIME AT SCHOOL VS. VA RATE OF PURSUIT (2)

Course	Credits	Term Dates	Location
Biology 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20 ✓	SW Hall Rm 100
Phy Ed 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20 ✓	Gym
Biology 100L	3	3/6/20-5/4/20	Science Cr Rm 5
Marketing 100	3	1/9/20-5/4/20 ✓	Business Rm 3
Total	12		



FULL-TIME AT SCHOOL VS. VA RATE OF PURSUIT (3)

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Course	Credits	Term Dates	Location
Biology 100		31/9/20-5/4/20	SW Hall Rm 100
Phy Ed 100		31/9/20-5/4/20	Gym
Biology 100L		33/6/20-5/4/20	Science Cr Rm 5
Marketing 100		31/9/20-5/4/20	Business Rm 3

Total 12

VA CERTIFICATION AND RATE OF PURSUIT

TERM DATES	CREDITS	ROP
1/9/20-5/4/20		9
FULL-TIME PER SCHOOL		12
RATE OF PURSUIT	0.75	3/4 TIME

TERM DATES	CREDITS	ROP
3/6/20-5/4/20		3
ADD THE OVERLAPPING TERM ABOVE		9
FULL-TIME PER SCHOOL		12
RATE OF PURSUIT	1.000	FULL-TIME



BLOCK SCHEDULING

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:				VA CERTIFICATION AND RATE OF PURSUIT			
Course	Credits	Term Dates	Location	TERM DATES	CREDITS	ROP	
Biology 100	3	1/15/20-2/15/20	SW Hall Rm 100	1/15/20-2/15/20	3	100%	
Phy Ed 100	3	2/16/20-3/16/20	Gym	2/16/20-3/16/20	3	100%	
Biology 100L	3	3/17/20-4/17/20	Science Cr Rm 5	3/17/20-4/17/20	3	100%	
Marketing 100	3	4/18/20-5/18/20	Business Rm 3	4/18/20-5/18/20	3	100%	
Total	12	Full-time measurement:	12				



SUMMER TERMS AND NON-STANDARD ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Standard quarters are 10 to 13 weeks in length and standard semesters are 15 to 19 weeks in length. Standard quarters and semesters adhere to the school's academic calendar. When a session or course doesn't follow this standard format, certify the actual begin date, end date, and credit for the session or course.

Courses taken during a defined session – an eight-week summer session, for example – should be certified from the beginning date to the ending date of the session if the courses start the first week and end the last week of the session.

*This is verbatim from the SCO Handbook



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33) NON-STANDARD TERMS- UNDERGRADUATE

ALWAYS CERTIFY ACTUAL CREDITS; VA PROCESSORS WILL CONVERT

- Number of Quarter credits taken, multiplied by 12, then divide by the number of weeks.
- Round up partial weeks, if 4 days or more.

Non-standard Quarter		ROP	
	Quarter Credits Taken	3	
	Multiply by 12 for Quarter	12	36
6/1/20-7/27/20	Divide term length in weeks** to get Equiv Cr Hr (ECH):	8	4.5
	Calculate Rate of Pursuit: $ECH/12$ (normal full-time measurement at a school)	4.5/12	0.375

38%

***NO MONTHLY HOUSING IS PAID**

****Calculated by timeanddate.com (Date-to-Date)**



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33) NON-STANDARD TERMS- UNDERGRAD

ALWAYS CERTIFY ACTUAL CREDITS; VA PROCESSORS WILL CONVERT

- Number of Semester credits taken, multiplied by 18, then divide by the number of weeks.
- Round up partial weeks, if 4 days or more.

Non-standard Semester		ROP	
	SEMESTER Credits Taken	3	
	Multiply by 18 for semester	18	54
6/1-7/27/20	Divide term length in weeks** to get Equiv Cr Hr (ECH):	8	6.75
	Calculate Rate of Pursuit: $ECH/12$ (normal full-time measurement at a school)	6.75/12	0.5625
			56%

***MONTHLY HOUSING IS PAID AT THE 60% LEVEL**

****Calculated by timeanddate.com (Date-to-Date)**



ENTITLEMENT CHARGE (CH33)

- **Housing or Tuition/Fees paid (IHL):** Multiply the rate of pursuit times the number of days in term (do not count 31st day).

Example:

August 15, 2020 to September 14, 2020 (30 days).

Student is attending 8 hours; 12 hours required for FT.

Rate of pursuit is .66666 (8/12).

.66666 x 30 days = 19.99 or 20 days of entitlement charged.



RATE OF PURSUIT (CHAPTER 33) ENTITLEMENT CHARGE

▪ **Tuition/Fees paid (NCD):** Divide amount paid by daily rate (daily rate is the Yearly CAP divided by 360 x benefit level). Result is entitlement charged (in days).

▪ **Example:**

Student is 100% benefit level.

August 15, 2020 to September 14, 2020 (30 days).

VA pays tuition and fees charged \$10,000.

Daily rate: \$56.21 (\$20,235.02 / 360 x 100%).

\$10,000 / \$56.21 = 177.9 days or 5 mos and 28 days of entitlement charged.



Training Time



TRAINING TIME (NON-CHAPTER 33)

- **Standard term (15-19 semester or 10-13 quarter):**

Hours	Training Time
12+	Full-time
9-11	Three-quarter time
6-8	One-half time
4-5	Less than one-half time
1-3	One-quarter time

- **Non-standard term:** Multiply credit hours x 18 (semester) or 12 (quarter) / weeks in term. Take result to standard chart.



TRAINING TIME (NON-CHAPTER 33)

- **Certificate at Institution of Higher Learning:**
18 Semester or 12 Quarter x clock hours divide by weeks.
Take to chart below.

Hours	Training Time
12+	Full-time
9-11	Three-quarter time
6-8	One-half time
4-5	Less than one-half time
1-3	One-quarter time



TRAINING TIME (NON-CHAPTER 33) CLOCK HOUR TRAINING

- **Certificate (18 full-time-Theory) at Vocational School:**

Hours Per Week	Training Time
18+	Full-time
13-17	Three-quarter time
9-12	One-half time
5-8	Less than one-half time
1-4	One-quarter time

- **Certificate (22 full-time-Shop/Practical) at Vocational School:**

Hours Per Week	Training Time
22+	Full-time
16-21	Three-quarter time
11-15	One-half time
6-10	Less than one-half time
1-5	One-quarter time



ENTITLEMENT CHARGE (NON-CHAPTER 33)

- **Rule:** Entitlement is charged 1 day for every day of full-time training.
- **Formula:** multiply training time x the number of days in the term (do not count the 31st day of any month) equal amount of entitlement charged (in days).
- **Example:**
August 15, 2020 to September 14, 2020 (30 days).
Student is $\frac{3}{4}$ training time.
 $30 \text{ days} \times 75\% = 22 \text{ days of entitlement.}$



Other Items of Note



- Kickers
- \$600 Buy-Up



CHAPTER 30 KICKER QUALIFICATIONS

- Payable under Chapters 30 or 33.
- Chapter 30 must have been relinquished by Veteran.
- Only 36 months of kicker is payable.



CH1 606 KICKER QUALIFICATIONS

- Payable under Chapters 30, 33, 1606, or 1607.
- Chapter 1606 must have been relinquished by Veteran.
- Only 36 months of kicker is payable.
- May be gained, lost, increased or decreased at any time.



CH1606 KICKER VERIFICATION

- Military confirmation
- Kicker contract (very important: contract includes the rate and the effective date of the kicker)



\$600 BUY-UP PRORATED AMOUNT

- If \$600 paid, then \$150 per month for full-time training.
- Prorated if less than \$600 paid.
- Prorated if training less than full-time.
- Prorated if Veteran is on active duty or less than ½ training time; as no rate cannot exceed tuition and fees.



BY NOW, YOU SHOULD HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF

- How rate of pursuit is calculated
- The difference between Rate of Pursuit and Entitlement
- The differences between 33 and non-33 calculations



POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFIT (CHAPTER 33)

More in-depth information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit can be found at:

- GI Bill Website – Post-9/11 GI Bill: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>
- GI Bill Website – Payment Rates:
https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp
- GI Bill Website - Yellow Ribbon Program: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>
- GI Bill Website - Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship):
<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/>



NON-CHAPTER 33 BENEFITS

Non-Chapter 33 benefits include:

- Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30):
<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606):
<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>
- Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) (Chapter 35):
<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>



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