

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION A

SUBJECT: Montgomery GI Bill On-the-job Training/Apprenticeship Programs

1. Beginning April, 2004, the Missouri State Approving Agency was given the authority to certify qualifying Federal Technician positions for the Montgomery GI Bill On-the-job Training Program.
2. Soldiers who haven't planned on using their G.I. Bill benefits for college or trade school attendance may now have an opportunity to use their benefits for OJT or Apprenticeship programs. Soldiers may earn Monthly G.I. Bill benefits while working full-time and earning wages for registered OJT or Apprenticeship Training Programs. These benefits are paid in addition to their regular salary and are non-taxable. To qualify, these positions must be certified by a State Approving Agency Official.
3. A list of newly hired employees is screened by this office for possible eligibility for participation in this program. This list is obtained on a reoccurring basis from the Human Resource Office and listed soldiers records are screened by the Montgomery GI Bill Manager for possible MGIB eligibility. To qualify for the program, MGIB eligible soldiers must be in positions that are non-supervisory, entry level (on the job less than 1 year) and those in temporary positions must be employed for at least six months. A list of those meeting that criteria is given by the MGIB Manager to Mr. Steve Nelle who works as the State Approving Agency, Veterans Education and Training Section Representative. Mr. Nelle then develops training plans for the approved technician positions. He personally meets with OJT eligible personnel and their supervisors to instruct and assist them in setting up the program and in preparing necessary paperwork. He can back date the certification of the position for up to twelve months, so some soldiers will receive a lump-sum back payment.
4. Soldiers who qualify for and use the OJT program may use the program again if they change jobs and go into another approved position, providing they have months of benefits remaining. Some soldiers may not be new hires but may be eligible since they have changed jobs, are eligible for MGIB benefits and have benefits remaining.
5. The point of contact for the attached information is the following:
 - a. To learn whether or not jobs are certified or may be certified for OJT/Apprenticeship, contact the Missouri State Approving Agency at 573-751-3487.

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b. To learn whether or not Federal Technician jobs at the MOARNG are certified or may be certified, contact Mr. Steve Nelle at Veterans Education & Training (Department of Education) at 314-822-3196.

c. To learn more about MGIB eligibility, contact Kay Teseniar, MGIB Manager and POC for this program at 573-638-9500 ext. 7649.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

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Current G.I. Bill Payment Rates for participation in Registered OJT Programs:

Payment Rates effective 1 October 2003

MONTHLY RATES for Veterans training under the Montgomery G.I. Bill - Active Duty, Chapter 30 (that served three or more years on Active Duty) for On-the-Job Training Programs

First 6 Months	\$738.75 per month
Second 6 Months	\$541.75 per month
Remainder of Program	\$344.75 per month

MONTHLY RATES for Guard members training under the Montgomery G.I. Bill - Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606 for On-the-Job Training Programs

First 6 Months	\$211.50 per month
Second 6 Months	\$155.10 per month
Remainder of Program	\$ 98.70 per month

Example of jobs that can be certified:

AIR TRANSPORT PILOT	INSULATION WORKER
AIRCRAFT ELECTRICIAN	IRON WORKER
AIRFRAME AND POWERPLANT MECHANIC	LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN
AIRFRAME MECHANIC	LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
AUTO REPAIR SERVICE ESTIMATOR	LINE ERECTOR
AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC	LINE ERECTOR (LIGHT & POWER)
BLACKSMITH (GUN SMITH)	LINE_REPAIRER
BOILERMAKER	MACHINIST
BRICKLAYER	MANAGER TRAINEE
BRICKLAYER & CEMENT MASON (COMB.)	MATERIALS HANDLER
BUILDING MAINTENANCE MECHANIC	MILLWRIGHT
CABLE SPLICER (SPLICING TECH. NET CO)	MOBILE EQUIPMENT WORKER
CANVAS WORKER	MOLD MAKER
CARPENTER	OPTICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIRER
CEMENT MASON	PAINTER
CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	PILE DRIVER OPERATOR
CONSTRUCTION CRAFT LABORER	PIPEFITTER (STEAMFITTER)
COOK (CHEF)	PLUMBER
CORRECTION OFFICER (2000 hrs.)	POLICE OFFICER
CORRECTION OFFICER / EMT	POLICE OFFICER / EMT
DIESEL MECHANIC	PRESS (WEB)
DISPATCHER / EMT	PURCHASING AGENT
DISPATCHER / EMT	REFRIG/AIR COND. AND OIL BURNER MECH.
DISPENSING OPTICIAN	REFRIGERATION/AIR CONDITIONING MECHANIC
ELECTRIC MOTOR REPAIR	ROOFER
ELECTRICIAN	ROOFER & SLATER
ELECTRONICS MECHANICS	SHEET METAL WORKER
ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTOR	SHEET METAL WORKER (FABR.)
EMT / PARAMEDIC	SMALL ARMS REPAIRER
FIRE FIGHTER	SPRINKLER FITTER
FIRE_FIGHTER / EMT	SUPPLY TECHNICIAN
FLOOR COVERER	TEACHER ASSISTANT
GAS FITTER	TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN
GLAZIER	TOOL & DIE MAKER (MACHINE)
HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT	TOOL MAKER (MACHINE)
HVAC - AIR CONDITION MECHANIC (TECH)	TURBINE OPERATOR
INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRER	VIBRATION ANALYSIS SPECIALIST
INSPECTOR QUALITY ASSURANCE	WELDER

Currently OJT Approved Federal Technician Jobs:

Administrative Clerk
Allied Trades Helper
Automotive Worker
Budget Technician
Electronics Mechanic
Health Systems Specialist
Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic
Human Resources Assistant
Military Pay Technician
Military Personnel Clerk
Motor Vehicle Operator
Production Controller
Readiness Technician
Secretary
Supply Technician

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM:

For Apprenticeship Training Programs, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment & Training web site at: http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat

NOTE: If the employer is NOT registered ask them to call the Division of Apprentice Training or State Approving Agency to learn more about the program!

The approving agency official refers to the list of job titles that are considered apprentice- able by the U.S. Department of Labor. The length of apprenticeship is determined by the number of hours shown on this list. Every 2,000 hours = 1 year. Most programs range from 1 year to 5 years. The employer must become a "registered sponsor of apprenticeship" in order to you to participate in this program. When soldiers complete their apprenticeship program, the State awards them a nationally recognized certificate that identifies them as a journeyman in their specific job or trade.

To apply for benefits, soldiers must:

STEP 1: Obtain a copy of their Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE), DD Form 2384-1 (for soldiers utilizing Chapter 1606 GI Bill benefits). Soldiers who choose to utilize Active Duty GI Bill benefits (such as Chapter 30 or 34) for apprenticeship programs should obtain a copy of their DD Form 214.

STEP 2: Take the NOBE (for Chapter 1606 GI Bill benefits) or DD Form 214 (for Active Duty GI Bill Benefits) to the registered employer they are currently working for or would like to work for as an apprentice.

STEP 3: Their employer must contact the State Approving Agency or Division of Apprentice Training prior to the start of their apprentice program. A compliance officer from the Division will visit the employment location to meet with the soldier and the supervisor. He or she will help with completion of all the necessary State and VA paperwork.

7. Retroactive Payments: The Department of Veterans Affairs will pay GI Bill benefits one (1) year retroactive for soldiers who were enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs but were not aware that they could have applied for educational assistance. Soldiers falling into this category could receive \$2,199.60 in back educational assistance under the Selected Reserve - Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606) and up to \$7,683 in back assistance under the Active Duty - Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30), depending upon service history and benefit eligibility. Soldiers eligible for the ARNG \$200 Kicker Program could be eligible for even more retroactive educational assistance.