



YOUR GUIDE TO MILITARY EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Start here, understand your benefit, and know what to do each semester. This guide is general information; the VA, CalVet, and Moorpark College determine requirements applicable to your situation.

START HERE

If you plan to use VA educational benefits, obtain your VA eligibility documentation first. The required VRC intake must be complete before you can meet with a VRC Counselor or access VRC services.

1 | Get started at Moorpark College

1. Apply to Moorpark College and activate your MyVCCCD student portal after receiving your admission information.

[Apply to Moorpark College](#)

2. Apply for financial aid (FAFSA). VA benefits and federal financial aid are separate; you may qualify for both.

[Complete the FAFSA](#)

3. Apply for the VA educational benefit you plan to use. The VA provides a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), award letter, or other applicable documentation; Chapter 31 students also coordinate approval with their assigned VA VR&E Counselor.

[Apply for VA educational benefits](#)

4. Complete the Veteran Student Intake Form. For Chapter 33 or 35, include the COE or applicable VA eligibility documentation. Chapter 31 students: contact the VRC if you need to provide VR&E documentation in place of a conventional GI Bill COE. The intake must be completed before scheduling VRC counseling.

[Veteran Student Intake Form](#)

5. Submit official military and prior-college transcripts to Admissions & Records and request evaluation as applicable. Air Force students should request CCAF transcripts rather than a JST.

[Joint Services Transcript \(JST\)](#)

[Transcript Evaluation Request Form](#)

6. Meet with a VRC Counselor to create your comprehensive educational plan. Register for the courses in your approved program of study. Call 805-553-4106 to schedule after intake is complete.
7. Once your plan is complete and you are registered for all classes, submit the MC GI Authorization Form as the LAST step for applicable benefit certification. Chapter 31 students should confirm their VA authorization and the applicable VRC process before submitting.

[MC GI Authorization Form](#)

PAYMENT REMINDER

Applying to the college or registering does not establish payment by VA. Until the necessary documentation is received and the VRC completes applicable certification, you may be responsible for tuition and fees. Contact the VRC early if authorization is pending.

2 | Understand your benefit

Benefit amounts, eligibility, payment schedules, and approved costs depend on your program and VA determination. The following is a quick comparison, not a promise of coverage.

Program	Who it is for	How assistance is provided
Chapter 31 • VR&E	Eligible veterans or service members with qualifying service-connected disabilities and VA-approved rehabilitation plans (Veterans with 10% + disability).	Approved tuition/fees and necessary books/supplies may be paid through authorization; eligible students may receive a monthly subsistence allowance.
Chapter 33 • Post-9/11 GI Bill®	Eligible veterans, service members, or beneficiaries of transferred benefits (Veterans with active-duty service).	Eligible net tuition/fees paid to the school; possible monthly housing allowance and books/supplies stipend.
Chapter 35 • DEA	Eligible spouses and children of qualifying veterans or service members (Dependents of 100% disabled veterans).	Monthly educational assistance generally paid to the student; not a separate college tuition waiver.
CalVet College Fee Waiver	Eligible spouses and children under applicable California waiver plans (Dependents of disabled veterans).	Waives qualifying tuition and some mandatory systemwide fees at California public colleges; no housing or book payment.

Chapter 31 | Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

VR&E supports eligible veterans and service members in preparing for and maintaining suitable employment. A VA disability rating of 10% or more may qualify a veteran to apply; the VA decides entitlement and approves the rehabilitation plan. Your VA VR&E Counselor and Moorpark College VRC Counselor coordinate different parts of the process.

- Your VA VR&E Counselor approves your plan and arranges the authorization for the applicable term or period.
- Moorpark College needs an electronic Tungsten authorization for tuition and fees and a SEPARATE authorization for required books and supplies through the Moorpark College Bookstore (Follett).
- The VRC and college use the applicable authorization to coordinate enrollment certification and billing. Do not assume that registration by itself authorizes payment or that all purchases are covered.
- Your monthly Chapter 31 subsistence payment is NOT automatically the Post-9/11 housing rate. The type of subsistence allowance, training time, dependents, and individual eligibility affect payment.

[VR&E eligibility and application](#)

[Chapter 31 subsistence rates: current and upcoming](#)

For a Tungsten authorization question, contact the VRC at 805-553-4106. Chapter 31 students may share the separate tuition/fees and bookstore authorization details provided by Moorpark College with their assigned VA VR&E Counselor.

Chapter 33 | Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Benefits may cover qualifying in-state tuition and mandatory fees at a public college, a books/supplies stipend, and a monthly housing allowance (MHA) when eligible. Your coverage percentage depends on your VA eligibility decision; 36 months of qualifying service is one route to 100% eligibility, not the minimum for every applicant.

- For 2026–27, the books/supplies stipend is up to \$41.67 per credit, generally up to \$1,000 per academic year, subject to your eligibility percentage.
- The MHA uses the E-5-with-dependents BAH rate as a reference for qualifying in-person attendance. You do not need to be an E-5 or have dependents. Online-only classes have a different VA rate.
- The MHA is based on your rate of pursuit, benefit percentage, location/modality and actual class dates. It is not a single fixed payment for everyone taking 7–11 units.

[Current Chapter 33 rates \(Aug. 2026–July 2027\)](#)

[GI Bill Comparison Tool](#)

Chapter 35 | Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)

Chapter 35 provides educational assistance to qualifying spouses and children. VA determines eligibility, the allowable period of use, and the monthly payment. The regular DEA college benefit is paid to the student; it is not the Chapter 33 housing allowance or an automatic waiver of Moorpark College tuition.

For college enrollment from Oct. 1, 2026–Sept. 30, 2027, the VA lists \$1,621 for a full month of full-time enrollment, \$1,281 for $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and \$939 for $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Below $\frac{1}{2}$ time, special payment limits apply: assistance may be capped at the tuition and fees charged, rather than paid as a normal monthly rate. Amounts are prorated for partial months.

[Current and future Chapter 35 rates](#)

CalVet College Fee Waiver

Eligible dependents may qualify for waived tuition and mandatory systemwide fees at California public colleges and universities. The waiver is not a monthly payment, housing allowance, or book stipend. Eligibility, income limits (where applicable), and required documents depend on the waiver plan and award year; do not rely on an older fixed income threshold.

Apply through a County Veterans Service Office. The CalVet and Ventura County pages describe the SAME program: CalVet provides statewide information, while the Ventura County page provides local office and submission guidance. The Moorpark College VRC does not approve CalVet applications.

[Ventura County College Fee Waiver: local application and office information](#)

[CalVet College Fee Waiver: eligibility and forms](#)

After approval, provide your award letter to the college as instructed, renew it for each academic year, and complete the separate VRC CalVet Fee Waiver Intake Form to connect with VRC services.

[VRC CalVet Fee Waiver Intake Form](#)

3 | How units affect VA payments

The examples below are for standard-length undergraduate fall or spring semesters where 12 semester units is full-time. Short sessions, summer terms, remedial courses, and overlapping class dates may be calculated differently. These are VA payment categories, not permission to enroll in courses outside your education plan.

Units in a standard term	Chapter 33 monthly housing allowance	Chapter 35 / standard Chapter 31 training time
12 or more	May qualify for full rate of pursuit, subject to VA eligibility, location, and actual class dates.	Generally full-time training.
9–11	Generally prorated when rate of pursuit exceeds 50%; NOT one fixed half-rate payment.	Generally $\frac{3}{4}$ time at 9–11 units.
6–8	At 7–8 units, rate of pursuit generally exceeds 50% and may qualify for prorated MHA; at exactly 6 units, no Chapter 33 MHA in a standard 12-unit full-time term.	6–8 units are generally $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Chapter 31 subsistence varies by authorized rate/type.
1–5	Generally no Chapter 33 MHA for a standard 12-unit full-time term.	Below $\frac{1}{2}$ time; Chapter 35 uses special lower-enrollment payment limits; Chapter 31 amount depends on VA approval.

IMPORTANT

A 7-unit example is NOT a universal minimum for every term or benefit. Review your exact courses, dates, and payment category with the VRC and the VA.

4 | Your responsibilities each semester

- Schedule a VRC counseling appointment to review and update your educational plan before registering. Tell your counselor if your major or program changes.
- Register for the classes on your plan. Include late-start and online classes in the discussion because course dates and modality may change your monthly payment.
- Complete the applicable MC GI Authorization Form after the education plan and registration are complete. Chapter 31 students must also confirm their VR&E authorization is in place.
- Contact the VRC BEFORE adding, dropping, withdrawing from, or stopping attendance in a class. The college may need to update the VA; payment adjustments or a debt may result.
- Complete monthly VA enrollment verification when required for your program. Use the VA instructions rather than an outdated program-by-program telephone checklist.

[VA monthly enrollment verification](#)

5 | Common questions

What if I am still waiting for my COE? You may apply to the college and register, but the required VA documentation is needed for the VRC intake and benefit-related counseling. Without required authorization/certification, you may be responsible for tuition and fees. Contact the VRC for guidance before payment deadlines.

What if I want courses at another college? Contact the VRC first. Courses must fit your approved program and may require coordination between the schools before they can be certified.

Can I use more than one benefit? This depends on your VA eligibility and the specific combination. Do not assume two VA benefits may be paid for the same enrollment; ask the VA or your VR&E Counselor before changing programs.

How long will my benefits last? Entitlement and age/time limits differ by benefit and individual eligibility. Consult your current VA decision letter or ask the VA; the older blanket “age 18–26” and “84 months” statements do not apply to everyone.

Need assistance?

Moorpark College Veterans Resource Center | Student Services Annex, Room 108 | 7075 Campus Road, Moorpark, CA 93021

805-553-4106 | mcvetdesk01@vcccd.edu

VA Education Call Center: 888-442-4551