



Montgomery GI Bill Program Update

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As of Jan. 5, 2023, eligible active duty service members are no longer automatically enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) during their first two weeks of initial entry training. Following counseling, Sailors will be given the opportunity to disenroll from the MGIB between days 180 and 270. Members who do not disenroll in writing prior to day 270 will be automatically enrolled in the MGIB and have their pre-tax pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months.

Audience

- Active duty Sailors eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill who have less than 270 days of active duty service.
- Command triads, mid-level supervisors, Command Pay and Personnel Specialists (CPPA), Command Career Counselors.

Talking Points

- Eligible active duty service members are no longer enrolled in the MGIB in the first two weeks of initial entry training.
- Service members must now be counseled on the MGIB Program at least once prior to their 270th day of active duty service.
- Service members can elect to disenroll in the MGIB between their 180th and 270th day of active duty.
- Those service member who have not elected to disenroll in writing prior to their 270th day of active duty will be enrolled in the MGIB and \$100 a month will be deducted from their pre-tax pay for 12 months.
- Sailors must use Department of Defense Form 2366 (revised September 2022), Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB) Basic Enrollment, to document enrollment or disenrollment.
 - Sailors may only complete the form once.
 - The selection is irrevocable.
- Commands will periodically run an MGIB report in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) or the Career Information Management System (CIMS) to identify Sailors who require counseling.
- Between days 180 and 210, commands must:
 - Counsel Sailors on the MGIB using materials located at www.mynavyhr/navy.mil/Career-Management/Education/GI-Bill.
 - Provide Sailors the time and computer access to review the GI Bill comparison tool at <https://va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool>.
 - Advise Sailors of their MGIB selection timeline.
- By day 240 of service, and after counseling, Sailors should:
 - Make enrollment or disenrollment election on the DD Form 2366.
 - Provide completed form to their command.

Sample POD/POW Notes

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active duty, after being counseled by their command. Members who do not disenroll in writing prior to day 270 will be automatically enrolled in the MGIB and have their pre-tax pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months. See NAVADMIN 226/23 for more information.

FAQ

Q: How has the Montgomery GI Bill program changed?

A: The time in which service members are enrolled has changed. Also commands now play a significant role in ensuring their Sailors are properly counseled. Service members are no longer automatically enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill Program during their first two weeks of initial entry training. Service member must now make a selection between their 180th and 270th day of active duty, after being counseled by their command.

Q: What are the command's responsibilities?

A: Commands will periodically run (on a weekly basis) an MGIB report in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) or the Career Information Management System (CIMS) to identify Sailors who require counseling.

- Between days 180 and 210, commands must:
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 - Provide Sailors the time and computer access to review the GI Bill comparison tool at <https://va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool>.
 - Advise Sailors of their MGIB selection timeline.

Q: What must Sailors do?

A: By day 240 of service, and after counseling, Sailors should:

- Make enrollment or disenrollment election on the DD Form 2366.
- Provide completed form to their command for timely processing.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Please read NAVADMIN 226/23 at www.mynavyhr.navy.mil.

Q: Can a Sailor change their mind on election if they already submitted the DD Form 2366?

A: No, the member's election is irrevocable, so Sailors must carefully consider their options before signing the form.

Q: What if a Sailor is deployed on a submarine or in a unit that will be on extended emission control (EMCON) requirements (i.e., no connectivity) and miss their election window?

A: Commands will ensure that all Sailors under their purview who are in an open election window process their DD Form 2366 before deployment. In the rare case that an extended deployment causes a Sailor to miss their election window, commands will ensure that the member has a signed and witnessed DD Form 2366 within their election window and follow the procedures in NAVADMIN 226/23 for erroneous enrollment.

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