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Army Post-9/11 GI Bill transfer policy to take effect Aug. 1

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“This policy was drafted in 2009 and takes effect Aug. 1, 2013. It is important that we inform Soldiers of this

existing policy regarding the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits,” said Lt. Col. Mark Viney, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch, Army G-1.

That news comes in a message to military personnel, dated April 15, 2013.

The rule largely affects senior officers and enlisted

Soldiers who are retirement-eligible. As of now, these Soldiers may be able to transfer benefits to their loved ones with anywhere from zero to three years of additional service.

Soldiers who are not retirement eligible, electing to

transfer their GI Bill benefits to a family member means re-upping for an additional four years.

Come Aug. 1, that rule will apply to all Soldiers, whether they are retirement-eligible or not. ■

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