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New Army Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer Policy Takes Effect Aug. 1

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From the Army News Service:

Beginning Aug. 1, every Soldier who elects to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a family member will incur an additional four years in the Army, without regard to their time in service.

The policy already applies to nearly every Soldier in the Army — and has since the beginning of transferability in 2009. Until now, Soldiers who were nearing retirement were eligible for certain exemptions from the policy. That will no longer be the case.

“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, including NCOs, 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 committing for an additional four years.

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

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