

ELIGIBILITY FOR POST-9/11 GI BILL. After the Presidential Declaration of National Emergency (DNE) on 13 March, the authority to the states to use federal funds have been incrementally added. Therefore, the 'start date' for service to qualify towards the Post-9/11 GI Bill under **Title 32**, **Sec 502(f)** orders in WV is **7 April**.

NOTICE:

LOSS OF PGIB MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE (MHA). As a reminder! If a <u>Soldier or Soldier's spouse</u> is currently receiving Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and the Soldier comes on federal active duty with qualifying orders for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, they will no longer be eligible to receive the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA). Unfortunately, Soldiers may not be aware that they are NOT entitled to the MHA while serving on qualifying active duty orders. If a Soldier is called up on Active Duty under Title 32, Sec 502(f) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and they or their spouse are currently receiving Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, they should do the following:

- -Verify Orders. Call the State education office at 304-561-6359 or the ARNG Education Support Center (ESC) at 1-866-ARNGEDU (1-866-276-4338) to verify orders are "Qualifying Active Duty" for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- -Stop MHA. If on qualifying orders, call the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) and request stop payment of the MHA.
- -Anticipate Recoupment. Any payments received after their Active Duty start date will be recouped, recoupment will be pro-rated based on the day of the month AD orders begin.

^{*}This action does not affect dependent children using Post-9/11 GI Bill MHA.