**What is apprenticeship?**

Apprenticeship programs combine paid on-the-job training with related classroom instruction, and usually last from one to four years.

Other on-the-job training programs are usually shorter in length (six months to two years) and do not always require classroom instruction.

**How do I get started?**

**TALK** to someone in a trade that interests you

**APPLY** to an employer or an apprenticeship committee

**VISIT** the U.S. Veterans’ Administration Web site:

www.gibill.va.gov

**For more information . . .**

Visit the Division of Apprenticeship Standards Web site:

www.dir.ca.gov/das/

Find the DAS office nearest you and call for details.

**What is the Montgomery GI Bill?**

The Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB) provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- College
- Technical or vocational courses
- Apprenticeship/job training
- Flight training
- High-tech training
- Licensing & certification tests
- Entrepreneurship training

**Who is eligible?**

You may be eligible if:

- You have an honorable discharge; AND
- You have a high school diploma or GED (or in some cases, 12 hours of college credit); AND
- You meet the requirements of one of the categories found on the Web site:

www.gibill.va.gov

**How can I apply for benefits?**

Complete VA Form 22-1990, *Application for Education Benefits*, found at www.gibill.va.gov; or call 888-442-4551 (888-GI BILL-1) to have a form mailed to you.
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