

2013-2015 State of Wisconsin Biennial Budget

Changes to the Wisconsin GI Bill Tuition Remission Bill:

1. Veterans who did not enter service as Wisconsin residents but have been Wisconsin residents for five consecutive years immediately preceding enrollment are eligible for the WI GI Bill benefits. This new provision is effective summer, 2013.

--The WI Dept. of Veteran Affairs will be responsible for determining state residency

--This change in residency does not affect children and spouse eligibility

2. Eligibility for children and spouses remains linked to veterans who entered service as Wisconsin residents and are 30% or more disabled. The **10 year time limit for spouses** to use the benefit has been **eliminated**.

3. Effective spring semester 2014, veterans, children and spouses receiving WI GI Bill benefits must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 to remain eligible for the benefit. However, your grades earned in the fall 2013 semester will determine spring eligibility for the benefit.

--If you currently receive the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefit, **this new ruling will affect your supplemental payment** each semester. For example, Mike receives 100% of the Post 9/11 payments for tuition and fees, housing, and books. Mike also receives about \$2400 each semester for the WI GI Bill supplemental pay. This fall, Mike earns a 1.98 cumulative grade point average (gpa). Therefore, Mike will still receive all of his Post 9/11 benefits, but **will NOT receive the supplemental payment** for the spring 2014 semester. When Mike next earns a cumulative gpa of 2.0 or higher, he will then receive the supplemental payment.

Your gpa can be found on your grade report which is on your academic page under course information.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION:

Any person who has served or is serving on active duty under honorable conditions in the US armed forces, the national guard, or in a reserve component, are given priority in registering for courses beginning with the spring 2014 semester.

--The process for implementing this procedure will be consistent with other existing priority student groups.