



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01954

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

She be allowed to transfer her Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (TEB) to her eligible dependents.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

On 14 May 19, the applicant reenlisted for three (3) years and thirty-five (35) months with the sole purpose to transfer education benefits to her dependents and coordinated with the base education office to make sure she correctly applied for TEB. She was assured by the education office that she completed the application and no further action was required. However, on 27 Jun 22, the applicant attempted to add her newborn dependent to TEB and discovered the application was disapproved because she failed to secure the required additional service time despite reenlisting on 14 May 19. The applicant contacted the Total Force Service Center (TFSC) who informed her the reason for the disapproval was incorrect and that she needed to complete the TEB Statement of Understanding (SOU). The applicant has served three (3) years of the four (4) year service requirement for TEB, and still has three (3) years remaining on her enlistment. She is requesting to have the application status and obligation date adjusted so that she is eligible to transfer educations benefits to her dependents.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force technical sergeant (E-6).

On 14 May 19, according to AF Form 901 *Reenlistment Eligibility Annex to DD Form 4*, the applicant acknowledged in Section IV. B. the reason for reenlistment was for Post 9/11 GI Bill/Continuation Pay under BRS.

On 14 May 19, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant reenlisted for three (3) years and thirty-five (35) months.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

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Work-Product

AFPC/DP3SA recommends denying the application. Based on documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of error or injustice on the part of the Air Force because the applicant did not complete the TEB SOU within the application window. The applicant contends on 14 May 19, she reenlisted for the sole purpose of TEB, and coordinated with the base education office to submit the application. According to Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) history, the applicant applied for TEB on 12 Apr 19. The applicant was sent notification in myPers on 15 Apr 19 and on 5 May 19, and was rejected on 29 May 19 because she failed to complete the TEB SOU within the application window. On 29 May 19, the applicant reapplied for TEB. According to myPers records, the applicant was sent notifications on 30 May 19 and 19 Jun 19, and was rejected on 2 Jul 19 because she failed to secure the additional service requirement.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 23 Aug 22 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit A.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an error or injustice. While the Board notes the recommendation of AFPC/DP3SA against correcting the record, the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. In this regard, the applicant applied to transfer his education benefits on 12 Apr 19 and reenlisted for the purpose of the TEB on 14 May 19, thus obtaining the four-year military service obligation required for transfer. As such, despite the applicant's failure to sign the SOU, the Board finds that the applicant met the intent of the program and her failure to sign the SOU should be regarded as a procedural defect only and not as evidence of an intent to abandon the transfer request. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that on 12 Apr 19, she elected and was approved to transfer her Post-9/11 GI Bill Educational Benefits to her eligible dependents with an obligation end date of 11 Apr 23.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01598 in Executive Session on 6 Dec 22:

[REDACTED] Panel Chair

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[REDACTED] Panel Member
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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 28 Jul 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SA, w/atchs, dated 17 Aug 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 23 Aug 22.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

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