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MEMORANDUM

To: All current and incoming Veteran students of UMass Amherst

From: Veteran Affairs Office
227 Whitmore Hall

Date: June 8, 2009

Re: New Post-9/11 GI Bill

Recently you received information from Veteran Affairs related to the new Post-9/11 GI Bill. This bill is becoming active on August 1, 2009. The information in the brochure you received is fairly comprehensive; however, understand that in order to select this option you must apply to receive these benefits.

To apply online, please go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov> and use the VONAPP system. If you do not have internet access you may contact our office at 413-545-2684 and we will be happy to send you the appropriate application.

Upon completion and submission of your documentation, the Department of Veteran Affairs will review your application and notify you of your benefit eligibility. **Understand that time is of the essence, so it would behoove you to submit your application immediately.**

Individuals should carefully consider their educational goals before applying and electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. It is important to remember that the election of the new GI Bill is **irrevocable**, and you are strongly encouraged to review the benefit comparison information at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

If you have further questions after review the above information, please contact the GI Bill hotline at 1-888-GIBILL-1 or the UMass Veteran Affairs Office at 413-545-2684.