



Post-9/11 GI BILL

NET

CHARGES



Public Law 111-377

- Effective August 1, 2011, schools report the actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the institution **AFTER** the application of any waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees; and any scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional, or employer-based aid or assistance (excluding loans and title IV funds) that is provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees.

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting

Schools should report the amount of tuition and fees charged after deducting any amounts paid with Federal Funds (excluding title IV funds)

Examples of programs that provide educational assistance with non-Title IV Federal Funds include:

- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)
- Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA)
- Health Professionals Scholarship Program (HPSP)
- Government Employees' Training Act (GETA)

NOTE:

The list above is not all-inclusive. It only lists examples of Federal programs that offer tuition assistance to certain individuals.

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The term “Title IV Funds” refers to the Federal Financial Aid Programs authorized under the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended) and includes the following programs:

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Direct Stafford Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized)
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Parent (PLUS) Loans (for TOE child recipients)
- Grad (PLUS) Loans (typically for TOE spouse recipients)

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting

Net Actual Cost of Tuition and Fees:

Amount that is left over after any of the below examples are deducted from the original tuition and fees:

- **Waiver**
- **Scholarship**
- **Aid**
- **Assistance**

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Scholarships:

- Please know the purpose of the scholarship
- Is it a scholarship that will apply toward tuition only? Tuition and fees?
- Is it a scholarship to help with any costs outside tuition and fees?

NOTE:

If the purpose of the scholarship is to pay toward tuition and/or fees, then this amount must be subtracted from the original tuition and/or fees amount.

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting: Examples of Payments to be Deducted

- **Tuition assistance from the National Guard or Reserves (person is not on active duty)**
- **Employer payments to the school specifically for tuition and fees**
- **Private scholarships paid to the school specifically for tuition and fees**
- **Florida Purple Heart Waiver**
- **Waiver for Survivors and Dependents of Florida Disabled or Deceased Veterans**

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting: Examples of Payments Not to be Deducted

- ROTC scholarship (where the payment is specified for charges other than tuition and fees)
- Employer scholarship (where the payments are not designated specifically for tuition and fees)
- Private scholarship where the payments to the school are for general educational costs and not specifically for the student's tuition and fees.
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
- Florida Pre-Paid Tuition (Payments are made to the school solely for tuition and fees; however, these are pass through payments from the student's family which are not deducted).

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting

DISCLAIMER – The lists of waivers, scholarships, aid and assistance on the previous slides are not all inclusive. Each state, employer, scholarship organization has aid programs that must be evaluated. If a payment meets the following criteria, then it must be deducted from the net charges for tuition and fees reported to VA:

- **The payment is made directly to the school**
- **The payment is designated specifically and solely for a student's tuition and fees**

Post-911 Bill: Tuition & Fee Reporting

VA's academic year:

- August 1 through July 31 of every year
- Example:
For the Academic Year 2012 – 2013, the inclusive dates are from August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013.

Net Tuition and Fee Charges

Private and Foreign Schools Would Report:

- Actual net cost = Original tuition and fees charged **MINUS** waivers, scholarships, assistance

VA will pay: \$17,500 for the academic year **OR** actual net cost for tuition and fees, if it does not exceed \$17,500



Example:

What amounts would the SCO at a private school report to the VA for this term as the net actual cost?

Term: 08/22/12--12/16/12 (Fall 2012)
Hours: 14 Residence Hours
Tuition: \$8,000
Fees: \$ 300

Financial Aid awards:

= Pell grant	\$1,800
= Veteran discount given by school	\$4,000
= Subsidized loans	\$1,700
= Unsubsidized loans	\$3,500
= National Guard Tuition Assistance (TA)	\$ 700
= Kiwanis Club scholarship*	\$ 200

*Kiwanis Club scholarship is to pay for tuition.



Answer:

\$8,300 Tuition and Fees

(\$4,000) veteran discount awarded by school

(\$ 700) 3rd party direct bill (employer TA)

(\$ 200) Kiwanis Club Scholarship

\$3,400 net actual cost

- After the Fall 2012 term, the veteran has used \$3,400 of the \$17,500 cap
tuition and fees for the Academic Year 2012-2013.
- Subsidized loans, Unsubsidized loans, and Pell grant will not be subtracted
from the tuition and fees cost because these are Title IV funds.
Pell grant is
under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Net Tuition and Fees Charges

U.S. Public Schools Would Report:

- The actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, or assistance (other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965)
- Actual net cost = Original tuition and fees charged **MINUS** waivers, scholarships, assistance

NOTE:

Effective August 1, 2011, VA will pay all in-state public school costs (including Masters, PhDs, JD, MD, etc)

U.S. Public Schools: Scenario

What amounts would the SCO report to the VA for this term as the net actual cost?

Term: 08/22/12--12/16/12
Hours: 10 Residence Hours
Tuition: \$ 1,000
Fees: \$ 300

Financial Aid awards:

= Pell grant \$ 500
= MyCAA \$1,000
= Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) scholarship \$ 200

*The purpose of the VFW Scholarship is to help the student with general expenses and books.



Answer:

\$1,300	Tuition and Fees
<u>(\$1,000)</u>	MyCAA
\$ 300	Net actual cost

- Pell grant will not be subtracted because it is Title IV funds.
- MyCAA is subtracted from the original tuition and fees amount because although these are federal funds, they are not Title IV funds.
- The purpose of the VFW Scholarship is for general expenses, so it will not be subtracted.
- The SCO will report \$300 tuition and fees



ACTIVE DUTY TUITION ASSISTANCE

GI Bill payments may not be made on behalf of a person who is on active duty for courses being paid for in whole or in part by the military, i.e., tuition assistance (TA).

- If the cost of a unit subject is totally covered by TA, then no GI Bill payments may be made for that subject.
- If the cost of a unit subject is partially covered by TA, then the active duty member may use Tuition Assistance Top Up (TATU) to pay for the portion of course cost not covered by TA. The payment of TATU is strictly between the student and VA. The school has no role in the process of obtaining TATU. **This is different from reserve/National Guard TA where GI Bill can pay any charges not covered by the TA and the school deducts the reserve/Guard TA from net charges.**
- If the cost of a unit subject is not covered at all by TA, then the active duty member may use his/her GI Bill to cover the cost of that unit subject.
- Otherwise, all the rules governing net charges detailed in the previous slides will apply.

QUESTIONS?

