

ADVANCED TRAINING WORKSHOP

Presented by: Marie George and Michael Marks

You are here

We are here
to help you
find your way



Approval Process

- Deemed-Approved
- New Facilities
- Periodic Updates

Approval Process

- Deemed-Approved
 - Post 9/11 GI Bill Improvement Act changed the approval process for some facilities
 - Standard Degree Programs offered at Accredited Public & NFP Private facilities are now Deemed-Approved
 - Changes to Non - Deemed-Approved facilities; will be reported to your SAA
 - Changes to certificate and diploma programs are reported to your SAA
 - VA ONCE must be updated for all program changes

Approval Process

- Other Deemed-Approved Programs
 - Flight Training approved by FAA offered by facility with pilot school certificate
 - Apprenticeship program registered with DoL or State Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship
 - Secondary school programs leading to diploma offered by school that is approved by the state
 - Licensure offered by Federal, State, or local government

Periodic Updates

- Non Deemed-Approved Facilities
 - No change from the existing process
 - Requests for approvals or changes must be submitted to SAA for approval
 - SAA approves programs—notifies school and ELR of approval
 - ELR then accepts approvals for VA
 - ELR notifies school of acceptance
 - SAA also approves all new facilities, including new Public and NFP Private

Periodic Updates

- Deemed-Approved
 - New/Removed/Modifications to standard degree programs will be reported to your ELR
 - Changes to policies must be reported to ELR
 - Changes to accreditation status must be reported to ELR
 - Changes to certificate or diploma programs must be reported to SAA

Periodic Updates

- Deemed-Approved
 - ELR is now approval authority
 - Catalogs, class schedules, calendars, program changes (other than standard degree programs), etc., that were previously sent to SAA are now sent to ELR
 - ELR reviews/approves changes and notifies school and SAA of changes
 - The ELR will forward a copy of approved catalog to the SAA

Periodic Updates

- Processes described are typical but ELR and SAA may have other/different process in place
- Contact your ELR/SAA with questions

Non-IHL Non-Degree Programs

On October 1, 2011, VA began paying Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to individuals pursuing the following approved non-IHL non-degree programs

- Non-College Degree (NCD) schools
- On-the Job Training (OJT) and Apprenticeship programs
- Flight Programs
- Correspondence courses

NCD Schools

Individuals pursuing an approved program at an NCD school will receive the lesser of the following:

- The *actual net cost* for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], or \$18,077.50 for the academic year beginning on August 1, 2012.
- The amount of the yearly cap will be adjusted each year based upon a COLA and is subject to proration based upon benefit level. (\$19,198.31 as of 8/1/13)

NCD Schools

- A Monthly Housing Allowance based upon the appropriate in-residence or distance learning rules (prorated by rate of pursuit and benefit level).
- A lump-sum Books & Supplies stipend in an amount equal to \$83 for each month (prorated for partial months and benefit level).

OJT/Apprenticeship Programs

Individuals pursuing an approved OJT or apprenticeship program will receive the following:

- First 6 months: A monthly amount equal to the BAH rate for an E-5 with dependents where the employer is located (prorated for benefit level and/or less than 120 hours per month)
- Second 6 months: A monthly amount equal to 80% of the BAH rate for an E-5 with dependents where the employer is located (prorated for benefit level and/or less than 120 hours per month)

OJT/Apprenticeship Programs

- Third 6 months: A monthly amount equal to 60% of the BAH rate for an E-5 with dependents where the employer is located (prorated for benefit level and/or less than 120 hours per month)
- Fourth 6 months: A monthly amount equal to 40% of the BAH rate for an E-5 with dependents where the employer is located (prorated for benefit level and/or less than 120 hours per month)

OJT/Apprenticeship Programs

- Over 24 months: A monthly amount equal to 20% of the BAH rate for an E-5 with dependents where the employer is located (prorated for benefit level and/or less than 120 hours per month)
- A lump-sum Books & Supplies stipend in an amount equal to \$83 for each month (prorated for benefit level, partial months, and/or less than 120 hours per month)

Flight Programs

Individuals pursuing an approved flight program (not offered at an IHL) will receive the lesser of the following:

- The *actual net cost* for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], or \$10,970.46 for the academic year beginning on August 1, 2013.

Flight Programs

- The amount of the yearly cap will be adjusted each year based upon a COLA.
- As with flight training under other VA programs, benefit payments will be issued after course completion.

Correspondence Courses

Individuals pursuing an approved program of education pursued exclusively by correspondence will receive the lesser of the following:

- The *actual net cost* for tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], or \$9,324.89 for the academic year beginning on August 1, 2013.

Correspondence Courses

- The amount of the yearly cap will be adjusted each year based upon a COLA.
- As with correspondence training under other VA programs, benefit payments will be issued quarterly for courses completed.

New Toolkit For Veteran Friendly Institutions Available

- The American Council on Education (ACE) has launched an enhanced online Toolkit for Veteran Friendly Institutions featuring blogs and interactive discussion forums for participating institutions and furthering ACE's mission of supporting higher education programs that ensure veterans are college and career ready.
- Go to - <http://vetfriendlytoolkit.acenet.edu/>

Work Study Video Online

Mr. Curtis Coy, VA's Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Opportunity, discusses the benefits of the work-study program for those using the GI Bill.

http://gibill.va.gov/resources/education_resources/programs/work_study_program.html

New VA-ONCE Update

- Training information is now available for the most recent VA-ONCE update.

- GO TO:

http://gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.html

VA Under Secretary For Benefits Letter To School Certifying Officials

The VA Under Secretary for Benefits has sent a letter to School Certifying Officials discussing ways educational institutions can assist with timely VA education payments.

http://gibill.va.gov/documents/letters/USB_Letter_July2013.pdf

Education Claims Processing Timeliness Statistics Now Available

Timeliness statistics now available for each Regional Processing Office.

http://gibill.va.gov/contact/regional_offices/index.html



Questions??