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HARRY W. COLMERY VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2017 UPDATE

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May 7, 2019



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VA Education Benefits

Forever GI Bill

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, Public Law 115-48 was signed into law on August 16, 2017 - also referred to as the

“Forever GI Bill” (FGIB)



Harry W. Colmery served during WW I, became a Kansas attorney and is considered the principal architect of the GI Bill®

Colmery Act Overview



EXPANDED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- Signed August 16, 2017 – the most comprehensive changes to GI Bill benefits since enactment of the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- 13 provisions were effective upon enactment; 18 were effective by August 1, 2018; 3 provisions are effective by 2022.
- Implemented 25 out of 31 education related provisions



ENHANCED BENEFITS

- The intent of the legislation is to enhance VA education benefits and allow Veterans and their beneficiaries to have costs covered for a variety of skill-building opportunities beyond a traditional college degree.



SWEEPING CHANGES

- The changes were sweeping and varied in timing of implementation and touched on almost every program component, including eligibility; types of qualifying educational opportunities and institutions; enrollment and transferring of the benefit; work study programs; and the business rules for calculating housing allowances.

For Colmery Act Updates Go To: www.benefits.va.gov

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Public Law 115-48

Change to Veterans' Education Benefits	Section	Effective Date
Assistance for Students Affected by School Closures and Certain Program Disapprovals Students may be able to receive back entitlement if their school closed while attending; VA may pay up to 4 months of MHA to Ch33 beneficiaries following permanent school closure	109	August 16, 2017 November 16, 2017
Elimination of 15-Year Time Limit to Use the Post-9/11 GI Bill® Ch 33 beneficiaries whose last discharge or release from active duty is on or after January 1, 2013; children of deceased servicemembers who became entitled after January 1, 2013 and all spouses using Fry Scholarship	112	August 16, 2017
Independent Study at Technical Schools and Non-Institutions of Higher Learning Beneficiaries, other than Ch 35s, may enroll in online classes at accredited vocational, career and technical schools that provide postsecondary level education	302	August 16, 2017

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Priority Enrollment VA to provide information to public – whether a school provides priority enrollment to veteran beneficiaries in courses earlier than other students-see GI Bill® website	303	August 16, 2017
REAP Eligibility Credited Toward Post-9/11 GI Bill® Program Those with eligibility before November 25, 2015, and who lost it due to sunset of Ch 1607 may elect to have that service credited towards Post-9/11 benefit	106	August 16, 2017
National Guard & Reservists May Pause VA Voc Rehab While using Ch 31 benefits and called up for active duty, beneficiary may pause their eligibility of VA Voc Rehab	402	August 16, 2017
Licensing and Certification Charges Entitlement prorated based on amount of the fee charged	108	August 1, 2018
Changes to Survivors' & Dependents' Ed Assistance Decreases entitlement from 45 months to 36 months; Increases monthly payment for FT from \$1,041 to \$1,224	202 203	August 1, 2018 October 1, 2018

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Informing Schools About Beneficiary Entitlement Information about amount of entitlement beneficiary has; beneficiary may elect to opt out of sharing this information	308	August 1, 2018
Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) During Active Duty (Reserve) Student beneficiary may receive a prorated MHA if discharged within the month school commences	113	August 1, 2018
Transfer of Benefit If designated person dies, veteran may designate a new beneficiary; if veteran dies, a TOE may designate new person	110	August 1, 2018
Purple Heart Recipients Entitled to Post-9/11 at 100% Level Honorably discharged and awarded Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001	102	August 1, 2018
Yellow Ribbon Extension to Fry and Purple Heart Recipients	103	August 1, 2018
Reserve Component Benefits Count Toward Post-9/11 Guard and Reserve members serving under 10 U.S.C 12304a and 12304b	401	August 1, 2018

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Reserve Duty Which Counts Toward Post-9/11 Eligibility Time that a Reservist is ordered to active duty to receive authorized medical care, to be medically evaluated for disability, or to complete a DoD health care study on or after September 11, 2001, counts as active duty for Post-9/11 benefits	101	August 1, 2018
Consolidation of Benefit Levels Eliminates the 40% Post-9/11 benefit level and expands the 60% benefit level	105	August 1, 2020
Yellow Ribbon Extension to Active Duty Servicemembers	104	August 1, 2022



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Work Study Expansion Removes expiration date for qualifying work-study activities involving outreach for SAAs, providing hospital and domiciliary care and medical treatment to veterans in state homes and also with those related to administration of a national or state veteran's cemetery	201	August 16, 2017
Student beneficiary must be enrolled $\frac{3}{4}$ time or FT		
Student may work up to 25 hours per week		
Student paid the greater of Federal or State minimum wage; Federal = \$7.25/hr; State of Fla = \$8.46/hr		
Wages are tax exempt		
The requesting Work Site submits an application and position description		
Student submits VA Form 22-8691		

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WORKSTUDY WORKSITE APPLICATION/POSITION DESCRIPTION

WORKSITE NAME: _____
WORKSITE ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
POINT OF CONTACT/SITE SUPERVISOR: _____
SUPERVISOR EMAIL: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____ EXTENSION: _____
FAX NUMBER: _____
SECONDARY SITE SUPERVISOR: _____

TYPE OF FACILITY:

DOD FACILITY ; DOMICILIARY ; EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ;
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VA MEDICAL CENTER ; OTHER VA FACILITY ; NON-VA FACILITY ;
STATE APPROVING AGENCY ; VETSUCCESS CENTER

IF YOU ARE AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN
RECEIPT OF VA EDUCATION BENEFITS?

HOW MANY MAN HOURS ARE YOU REQUESTING PER ACADEMIC YEAR?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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DATE RECEIVED

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VA Form 22-8691

OMB Approved No. 2900-0209
Respondent Burden: 15 minutes
Expiration Date: 01-31-2021

Department of Veterans Affairs

APPLICATION FOR WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE

PART I - IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

1. NAME OF APPLICANT (First, Middle, Last)

2. MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Number, and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and 9 digit ZIP Code)

3A. VA FILE NUMBER (For chapter 35, enter the veteran's file number. Be sure to include the suffix indicator. For dependent's transfer of entitlement cases, enter the file number of the person who transferred entitlement to you)

3B. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (If not shown in Item 3A)

3D. SEX OF APPLICANT
 MALE FEMALE

3C. DATE OF BIRTH OF APPLICANT (Month, Day, Year)

4B. PLEASE PROVIDE THE HOURS THAT VA CAN REACH YOU

4A. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

DAYTIME: _____ EVENING: _____

5. EDUCATION BENEFIT RECEIVING

<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 30 (Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty)	<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSFER OF ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM (Parent or Spouse entitled to benefits)
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation)	<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 32 (Veterans Educational Assistance Program)	<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 1606 (Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER 1607 (Reserve Educational Assistance Program)	

PART II - SCHOOL INFORMATION

6A. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF SCHOOL

6B. CURRENT ACADEMIC OR TRAINING PROGRAM

7. CURRENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

A. BEGINNING DATE (Month, Day, Year)	B. ENDING DATE (Month, Day, Year)	A. BEGINNING DATE (Month, Day, Year)	B. ENDING DATE (Month, Day, Year)
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8. NEXT ENROLLMENT PERIOD YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

PART III - WORK STUDY INFORMATION

9. ADVANCE PAYMENT: DO YOU WANT AN ADVANCE PAYMENT? (See instructions for information on advance payment on reverse under "How Much Can I Earn?")
 YES NO

10. HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED IN A WORK-STUDY PROGRAM BEFORE? (If "YES," please state _____)
 YES NO

11. WORK SITE PREFERENCE (Tell us the school, VA facility or other government facility where you would prefer to do VA related work. Be specific as many facilities have the same name or perform the same services in different locations or cities.)

12. WORK EXPERIENCE (Tell us about the jobs you had before, other than VA work-study jobs. Please be as specific as possible. If you have no work experience, place "NONE" in this space. If needed, attach a separate sheet with your work-history)

13. SPECIFY THE DAYS AND HOURS DURING THE WEEK YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK

(X)	DAYS	WHEN AVAILABLE (From & To)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	

14. QUALIFICATIONS (Tell us about any special qualifications you have based on your education or work experience. Include any experience in information technology. Also, tell us what kinds of jobs interest you. If needed, attach a separate sheet with this information)

15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Sign in ink)(Do no print)

16. DATE SIGNED

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: VA will not disclose information collected by this information collection to any source other than what has been authorized by the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses as identified in VA's system of records, 58 VA 21/22/28. Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation Records - VA as published in the Federal Register at <http://www.fms.off.va.gov/OPR/Records/33VA2122.asp>. An example of a routine use allows VA to send educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) for VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training. Your obligation to respond is "required to obtain or retain benefits." We cannot pay you any work-study benefits until we receive this information (38 U.S.C. 3483). Your responses are confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Any information provided by applicants may be subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

Respondent Burden: We need this information to determine your eligibility for VA work-study benefits. Title 38 United States Code allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete the form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB internet page at www.reginfo.gov/public.do/PRASearch. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4531) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this information collection.

VA FORM 22-8691 JAN 2018

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Work-Study Contact Information

Hours of Operation:

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. CST

Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays

Email: workstudy.vbamus@va.gov (do not send emails directly to Work-Study personnel)

Right Now Web (RNW)

<https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/utils/loginform/redirect/ask>

Fax: (918) 781-7868 or (918) 781-7785

(Please use faxing as a last resort)

Telephone Number: (918) 781-7878

This number is for Work-Study Site Supervisors only. Please do not give this number to students.

Mailing address:

Work-Study Department
Muskogee Regional Processing Office
125 South Main
Muskogee, OK 74401

***** IMPORTANT *****

THE STUDENT CAN ONLY BEGIN WORKING AFTER THE VA HAS APPROVED THE CONTRACT AND NOTIFIED THE SITE SUPERVISOR.

HOURS WORKED PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL DATE CANNOT BE PAID.

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Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Scholarship



Attention STEM Scholars!


In August 2019, VA is launching the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program for students training in high demand STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

The Rogers STEM Scholarship will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (to a maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying Veterans and Fry Scholars seeking an undergraduate STEM degree or who have earned a STEM degree and are seeking a teaching certification.

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Change to Veterans' Education Benefits	Section	Effective Date
Benefits for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Programs The Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship allows VA to provide additional <u>Post-9/11 benefits</u> to eligible individuals	111	August 1, 2019
Must be Post-9/11 STEM student who has exhausted or is about to exhaust entitlement (within 180 days)		
Priority will be given to individuals who are entitled to 100% Ch 33 level and to those requiring the most credit hours		
Veteran or Fry Scholar enrolled in a STEM degree program must have completed at least 60 semester credit hours (or 90 quarter credit hours) of bachelor's		
OR Veteran or Fry Scholar who has earned a STEM degree & who is now seeking a teaching certification		
May be eligible for up to 9 months of additional benefits, up to \$30,000. Commences August 1, 2019		

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Post-9/11 GI Bill STEM students who have exhausted or are about to exhaust their entitlement may be eligible for nine months (up to \$30,000) of additional benefits through the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship.

Who Should Apply?

Veterans or Fry Scholars* enrolled in a STEM degree program who have completed at least 60 semester credit hours (or 90 quarter credit hours).

Veterans or Fry Scholars who have earned a STEM degree who are now seeking a teaching certification.

**The Fry Scholarship provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of servicemembers who died in the line of duty while on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.*

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What fields of study qualify for the Rogers STEM Scholarship?

Students must be enrolled in or have earned a degree in one of the following areas:

- agriculture science or natural resources science program
- biological or biomedical science
- computer and information science and support services
- engineering, engineering technologies, or an engineering-related field
- health care or related program
- mathematics or statistics
- medical residency
- physical science
- science technologies or technicians

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Who is eligible for the Rogers STEM Scholarship?



I am currently enrolled in a
STEM degree program

- ✓ You are pursuing a degree in a STEM field
- ✓ You have completed at least 60 standard or 90 quarter credit hours toward your degree;
- ✓ You have or will soon (within 180 days of application) exhaust your entitlement for the Post-9/11 GI Bill program;
- ✓ Your post-secondary degree requires more than 128 semester (or 192 quarter) credit for completion in a standard, undergraduate college degree



I am seeking a teaching certification

- ✓ You have earned a post-secondary degree in a STEM field;
- ✓ You have been accepted or are enrolled in a teaching certification program;
- ✓ You have or will soon (within 180 days of application) exhaust your entitlement for the Post-9/11 GI Bill program

More you should know

- Priority will be given to individuals who are entitled to 100% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and to those who require the most credit hours.
- The Yellow Ribbon Program may not be used with this extension. Schools may apply Yellow Ribbon funding, but VA can't match it.
- These additional benefits can't be transferred to dependents.
- Fry Scholars are eligible to apply for the Rogers STEM Scholarship.

Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship: Helping Veterans Cross the Finish Line

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Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC)



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<p>VA to Develop Pilot Programs for Technology Courses Provided to eligible veterans who enroll in high technology education programs that VA determines provides training and skills sought by employers in a relevant field or industry</p>	116	August 1, 2018
<p>Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) 5-Yr Pilot Program created by VA</p>		
<p>Only one day of GI Bill entitlement needed and program doesn't use benefits; all chapters except 31</p>		
<p>Training paid for by VA and a monthly housing allowance provided to students during training; if training in online only class, MHA is ½ of national avg</p>		
<p>VET TEC available at NCDs in 5 areas: Information Science, Computer Programming, Data Processing, Media Applications, and Computer Software</p>		
<p>Training providers make application to VA (not SAAs) and VA makes the approval determination</p>		

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VET TEC Cont

Change to Veterans' Education Benefits	Section	Effective Date
Payment to Training Provider: 25% of tuition and fees upon enrollment, 25% when student completes, remaining 50% when student secures meaningful employment in field of study		
Training Providers may not charge veterans for tuition and fees and refund the charge when VA pays		
Institutions of Higher Learning (degree granting) are not eligible for VET TEC approval. Only Noncollege Degree schools may apply		
A VET TEC Training Provider Application, a VET TEC Pilot Program Participation Agreement, 2017 & 2018 Financial Statements, VET TEC Training Provider Facility Programs Spreadsheet and a VET TEC Statement of Compliance with 85/15% Ratios and Spreadsheet are all mandatory submissions by prospective training provider		

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*Email Address

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REASONS You Should Choose VET TEC – LEARN, TURN, and EARN!

- **Learn** the high tech skills that top employers demand
- **Turn** VET TEC's coding boot camps into an opportunity to gain 21st century skills
- **Earn** a better living for yourself and your family

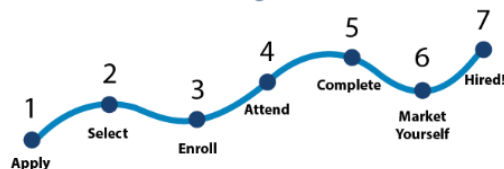
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HIGH DEMAND Training Areas



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STEP ROADMAP to Securing Your Future



Follow VET TEC's 3-5-7 formula for success to learn new skills, switch careers or advance your career.

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Change to Veterans' Education Benefits	Section	Effective Date
Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) Based on Campus Where Student Attends Most Classes The law requires that MHA under Post-9/11 benefits be calculated based on the zip code of the campus where the student physically attends the majority of classes, rather than the location of the school where the student is enrolled	107	August 1, 2018
GI Bill® Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) Adjusted to DoD Rate Those who first use the Post-9/11 GI Bill® on or after January 1, 2018, will receive a MHA based on the DoD's Basic Housing Allowance (BHA) for E-5 with Dependents, monthly housing rates. Those who began using benefits prior to January 1, 2018, will continue to receive the slightly higher MHA rate now provided by VA.	501	January 1, 2018



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Section 107: Updates to VA Systems

The systems being updated as a result of Section 107 will be:

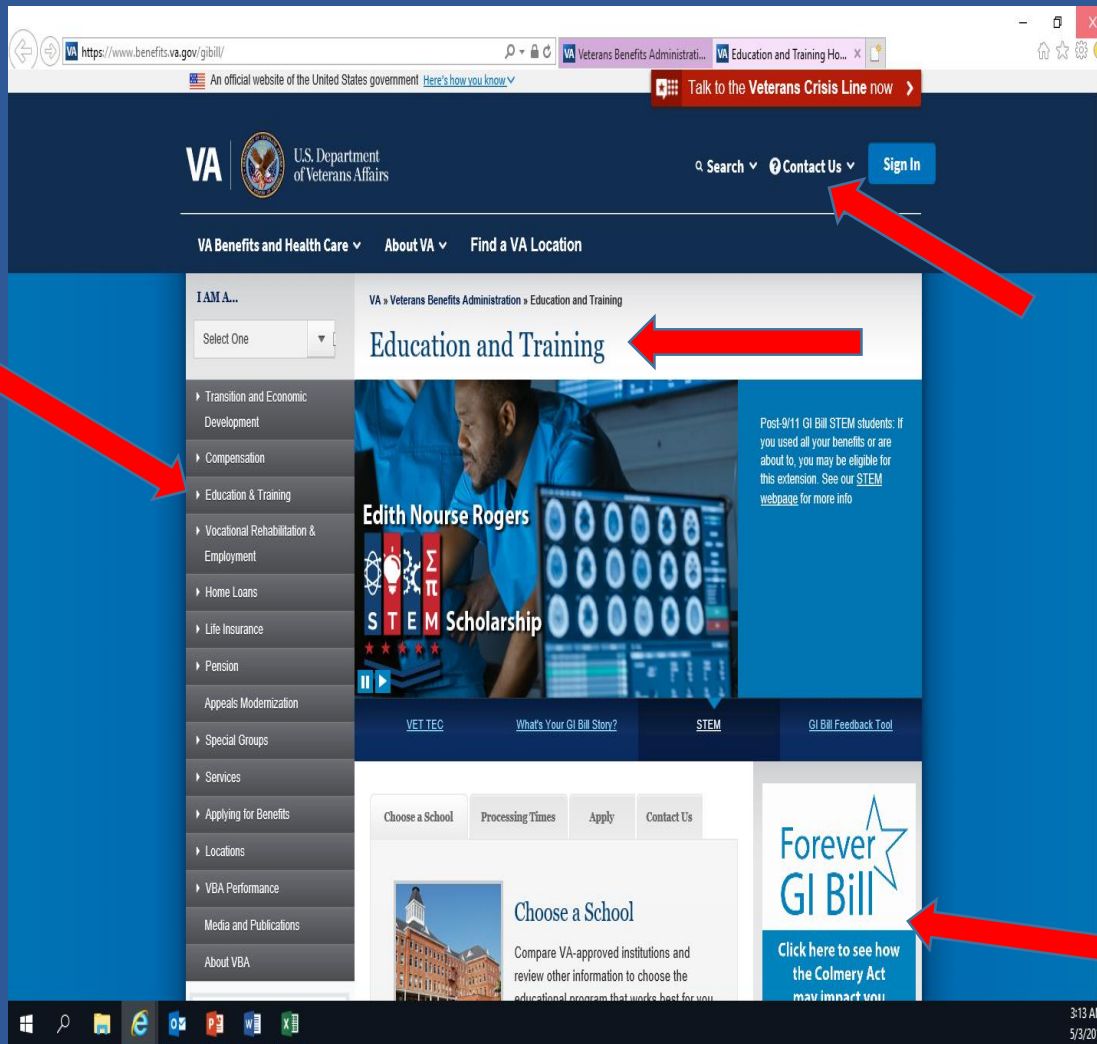
- ✓ VA Online Certification Enrollment (VA-ONCE)
- ✓ Long Term Solution (LTS)
- ✓ Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS)
- ✓ GI Bill Comparison Tool
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Recent Timeline - Colmery Act Public Law 115-48

Date	Actions
1/1/18 to 11/9/18	Congressional hearings pertaining to VA's failure to implement Sections 107 and 501 due to IT issues. (VA had Booz Allen Hamilton as IT contractor)
11/9/18	Robert Worley, Executive Director of Education Service of the Veterans' Benefits Administration announces he will step down from his position, effective January 2019
11/28/18	VA Secretary, Robert Wilkie, announced implementation reset for Sections 107 and 501 Established a program integration office for business, technical and functional activities of the Colmery Act Independent technical evaluation identified and analyzed programmatic and technical gaps Established Governance Model and supporting processes and reporting structure
1/1/19	Charmain Bogue takes Robert Worley's place as Interim Executive Director of Education Service of the Veterans' Benefits Administration

Recent Timeline - Colmery Act Public Law 115-48

Date	Actions
03/21/19	Accenture Federal Services, LLC brought on as systems integrator, coordinating planning, development and integrated testing of all systems associated with implementation
4/1/19	Conducted analysis of current state, established requirements. Started Agile sprints to begin to implement the fix within the system
12/1/19	Projected Go-Live Date for implementation of all Section 107 and 501 updates. Required adjustments will be retroactive to implementation dates; if underpaid, will result in additional payments to beneficiaries; if overpaid, no debt will be established. Ch 33 beneficiaries will be notified that their MHA rates, going forward, may change; School Certifying Officials will be amending certifications of enrollment to include zip codes for location of facilities where courses were physically taken
1/1/20	Education claims for Spring semester 2020 will be processed according to updated, mandated rates
Stay informed	www/benefits.va.gov/gibill - click on "For School Administrators" then "School training Resources, then "Education Benefit Presentations"



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Other Education Updates

Change to Veterans' Education Benefits	Authority	Effective Date
SkillBridge is a DoD program which enables a servicemember, who receives permission, to work for a private organization, without pay, during last 6 months of enlistment	DoD Directive 1322.29	01/24/2014
Ch 31 veterans added to Ch 30 and Ch 33 veterans as covered individuals who are entitled to be charged no more for tuition and fees at a public institution than a student who is a resident of the state, if the veteran is living in the state in which the institution is located	115-251 Section 301 to Amend 38 USC 3679	03/01/2019
VA Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch 31) veteran commencing a rehabilitation program 12/16/2018, may only pursue courses if they are also approved by the SAA for Ch 30 or Ch 33 benefits	115-48 Section 402	12/16/2018
SIT-REP Act: Institutions may not impose any penalty (late fee, denial of access, etc.), or require a Ch 31, or 33 beneficiary to borrow funds due to a delay in a VA payment	HR4830 to Amend 38 USC 3679	05/21/2018

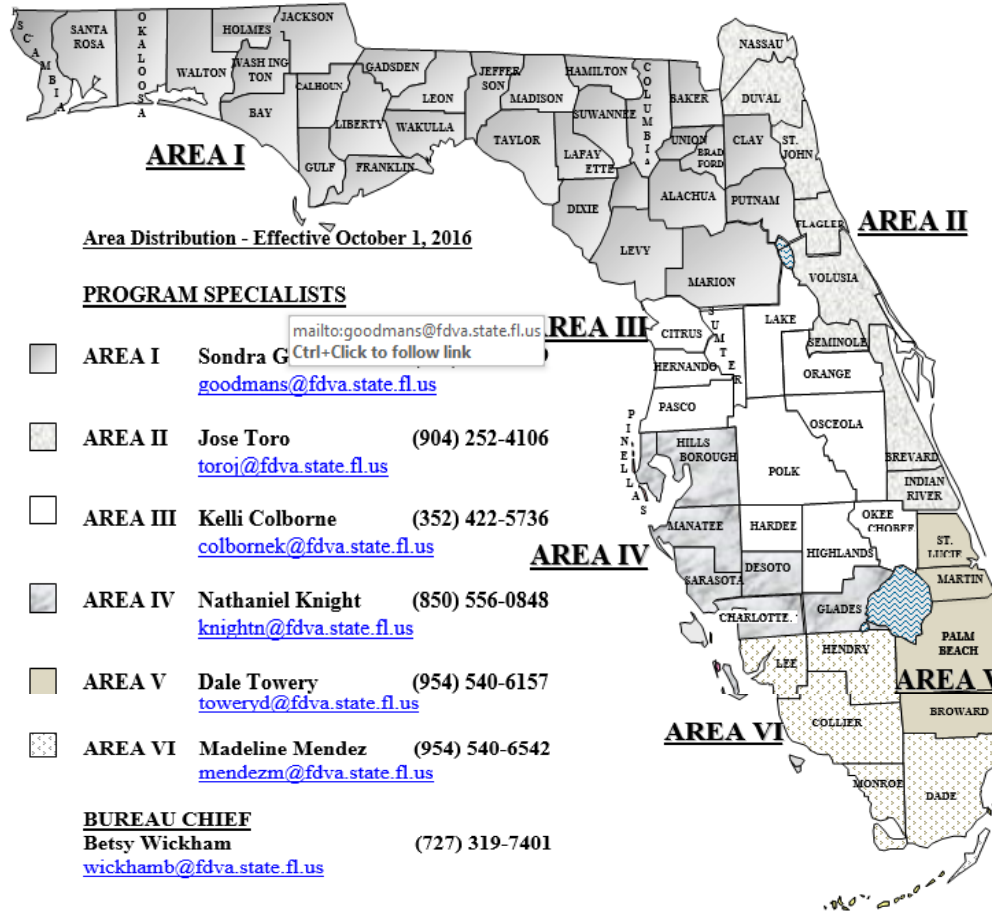


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