# Serving Veterans on Your Campus

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- General Overview of Benefits
- VA Debt Management
- Enrollment Manager
- Other Important Information

## Different Chapters of VA Benefits

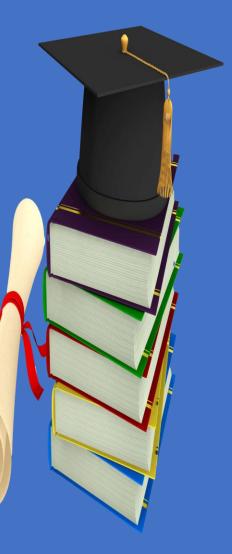
<u>Chapter 35</u> – Dependents of veteran 100% disabled or deceased due to service related. Children, spouses and stepchildren. Pays student monthly based on number of credit hours they are enrolled in. Must be 6 hours or more.

<u>Chapter 1606</u> – Guard and reserves-pays the student monthly based on the number of credit hours they are enrolled in. Must be 6 hours or more. Can receive N.C. TAP or federal tuition assistance.

**<u>Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI bill</u>** – original GI bill benefit- pays the student monthly based on the number of credit hours they are enrolled in. Must be 6 hours of more

**Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI bill** in effect after 9/11/2001 – pays tuition/fees to the school and book money to the student (\$41.67 per credit hour, limit of \$1000.00 per year runs from fall to fall) as well as monthly housing allowance. Must be more than half time so 7 credit hours. Veterans can transfer this chapter to spouses and children. Tuition/fees are paid to the school through EFT from the Treasury Department

Chapter 31 – Veteran Readiness & Employment – Pays tuition/fees and books to the school as well as the veteran monthly. Must have at least a 10% disability. Authorization is sent to the school with the VA counselor's email through Tungsten Support. Invoices must include an itemized break down of all fees and charges as well as the veteran's signature for purchases in the book store.





# Chapter 33 Post 9/11

School Certifying Official certifies the student after they have registered for classes. Tuition/fees can be reported on the initial certification. After the drop period a 2<sup>nd</sup> certification has to be completed for each chapter 33 student.

Tuition/fees are reported to the Business Office by student name, ID number, percentage of eligibility and amount of tuition/fees reported to VA.

Tuition/fee money is received by the Business Office and posted to the student's account.





# Chapter 33 Post 9/11 (con't)

- If the student drops or withdraws the SCO reports the changes through Enrollment Manager to VA. VA RPO processes the changes and established debt. A letter is sent to the school that the debt has been issued.
- DMC sends letter to the school which is needed to return payment to Debt Management.
- School pays debt and posts debt to student's account





# Chapter 31

- <u>Veteran Readiness & Employment</u> is the new name for Chapter 31 known as Voc. Rehab before. Short name VR&E. "E" stands for employment.
- Primary Focus is pathway to suitable employment and career stability for veterans and servicemembers with service-connected disabilities
- Secondary Focus is increased independence in daily living for veterans currently unable to work.
- Basic eligibility period is generally 12 year period.



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An authorization for payment of training, services, books, and/or supplies at your facility for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E) participant is available in the Tungsten Network. If your facility has not registered with Tungsten, please contact valaccishd@valgov or by phone at (866) 372-1141 to begin the registration process.

For guestions regarding the authorization, please contact the VR&L case manager at kevia.wa ker3@ve.gov. For all other questions, please contact the Financial Services Center at vafaccshd@va.gov or by phone at (866) 372-1141.

### Chapter 31

The authorization approves regulaed costs for Chapter 31 L-bining including Luition, fees, books, and supplies for the program identified in the "Name of Service" section of the authorization. Please note that VA will pay all invoices for the required tuition, fees, books, and supplies directly to the institution in arrears. The authorization also serves as notification to the School Certifying Official that training time should be certified for Chapter 31 claimants. In addition, this notification, if applicable, must be forwarded to the responsible party at your facility to alert them of the available authorization in the system to initiate the certification process using VA-OACE.

#### Chapter 35

This authorization approves training, education, and services for Chapter 35 claimants under Specialized Vocational Training or Special Restorative Training. VA will pay only for the Special Restorative Training services listed in the "Name of Service" section of the authorization for Chapter 35 claimant. If applicable, detailed information for specific training courses and services during the authorized period may be listed under the specific "Notes" section of the authorization.

### Chapter 18

The authorization approves required costs for Vocational Training for Certain Children with Spina Bifida or Other Covered Birth Defects under Chapter 18, which include tuition, fees, books, and supplies for the program identified in the "Name of Service" section of the authomzation.

Thank you,

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### Authorization Email



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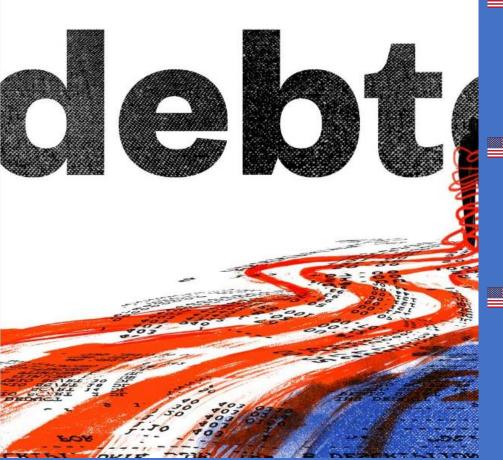
### VA Debt Management Center

DMC is a franchise fund aligned with VA's Office of Finance (OF) with the Office of Management (OM)

Chapter 33 –Post 9/11 is the chapter that the school is financially responsible for tuition/fees. Student is responsible for book stipend and housing allowance. If a student drops or withdraws the tuition is reported for the new number of credit hours. The school has to pay the difference of the original tuition/fees and the new tuition/fees after the change.



# VA Debt Management Center (con't)



Letters come to CFCC through the postal system. Copies are made and the originals are sent to the Business Office. The copies are put in the veteran's file as they occur.

DMC sends 1<sup>st</sup> letter 30 days then a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter 30 days after that (60 days) then a 3<sup>rd</sup> letter 30 days after that. Debt is referred to Treasury 60 days after the third letter or 120 days

This debt falls under Federal Debt collection Laws. The Treasury uses 2 programs to collect this debt. Treasury Offset program (TOP) which can collect from Federal grants, Social Security, Civilian pay and military retirement. Cross-Servicing (CS) uses private collections agencies (PCA), telephone collections and Administrative Wage Garnishment (AWG)

### Department of Veterans Affairs Overpayment Letter

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUFFALO REGIONAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 4616 BUFFAUO NY 14240-4616



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Dear School Certilying Official:

We are writing to notify you about an overpayment of Post-9/11 G? Bill benefits for an every set of the Please ensure your Bursar's Office (or Financial Business Office) receives a copy of this letter.

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On January 5, 2021, the President signed the Johnry Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Core and Benefits Improvement Act of 2026, Public Law 116-315. The new law requires schools and training providers to be financially responsible, instead of the student, for benefits paid directly to an educational institution. This applies to tuition and fee payments and Vellow Ribbon program payments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (38 USC 3685(b)).

Our records show VA released payment(s) to your school as follows:

Certified Enrollment Period	Tuition and Fees	Yellow Ribbon		
August 22, 2022 - December 15, 2022	\$ 1,137.00	\$ 0.00		

NORTH CAMPUS must return the payment(s) for enrollment beginning August 22, 2022 for the reason(s) helow;

### How Much Is Owed

Total overpayment of S967.45 for NORTH CAMPUS during the term that began on August 22, 2022 was determined as follows:

 Tuition and Feest We paid \$1,137.00 for 7 credit hours; however, NORTH CAMPUS is only due \$169.55 based on the claimant's current course load of 0 credit hours. The Tuition and Fees overpayment is \$967.45.

#### Returning Funds

Our Drift Management Center will send you additional information about the amount of the debt and how to repay it.

### Questions

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### Department of Veterans Affairs Debt Management Center Letter

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December 8, 2022

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Debt Management Center P.O. Box 11930 St. Paul, MN: 55111

The attached check in the amount of \$967.45 is being returned to VA. This amount was paid by VA to Cape Fear Community College (VA Facility Code 1-4-9254-33) in the name full tailion & fice payment for the period of 082222 to 121622
Reason for return: (choose one)
X Student never attended (withdrew before term started)
Payment received for an individual who is not a student

\_\_\_\_Duplicate payment was received

\_\_\_\_\_Student died during the term and would have been due a refund Erroncous Amount (clear cut cases where VA paid incurrectly, after contacting VA to confirm the amount)

\*Payment should be returned to student for any reason not listed above.

### PLEASE APPLY THE AMOUNT OF \$967.45 TO THE STUDENT'S VA ACCOUNT.

Sincerely, Rachel Cavenaugh Director of Financial Aid & Veterans Services Cape Fear Community College 411 North Front Street Wilmington, NC 28401-3910 (910) 362-7317 reavenaugh@cfcc.edu

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### CFCC Correspondence to Veterans Affairs



## Enrollment Manager

**Released March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023** 

Required Training

NEW SCOs will need to complete the required training to become a certifying official as well as the Enrollment Manager Training. These trainings can be found at the VA Training Submission Portal

https://vba-tpss.vbatraining.org/assess/(X(1)S(hj0l5pdvwrcucfvmvmhods45))/trkSignIn?refid=XSCO&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

### Ecrtifying Guest Students in EM

Need to know the parent school's facility code and objective type prior to certifying the student at the guest school

We can now certify students even if they are no longer active at the school.

Added four new VBA remarks to prevent free text (none are needed):

- 1.Second Certification for Enrollment Verification
- 2.Change to Tuition & Fees Replacement of "Updating Tuition and Fees"
- 3.Correcting / Updating / Amending Previous Enrollment

4. Graduated / Received Diploma or Certificate / Completed Objective



## **In-state Tuition**

VA expanded the marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship to include the spouses of service members who died in the line of duty

Programs of education may not be approved for Post 9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill if they do not charge all recently released veterans and their family members instate tuition and fees.

Effective August 1, 2022 chapter 35 beneficiaries must be able to receive in state tuition. Any student using VA benefits have to be given in state tuition rates.

**THRIVE Act**-gives descriptions on the limitations on advertising, sales and enrollment practices placed on educational institutions-schools must be honest with student and refrain from engaging in certain prohibited recruiting practices.



## **Other Facts**

**85/15 35%** Exemption

Supported vs Unsupported

State Approving Agency- Determining risk of school instead of compliance surveys



# **Tuition Assistance**

### Federal T/A

MyCAA-spouses of active military
 Navy/Coast Guard
 ArmyIgnited



National Guard





## Training is Important!

Attend the VA Monthly Office Hours: Next Webinars - 10/25 and 10/26

**Sign Up for updates/ training through Gov Delivery:** 

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/subscriber/new?preferences=true

**Enrollment Manager FAQs** 

https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/enrollment-manager/enrollment-manager-frequently-askedquestions.asp

**Get involved with NCACVA:** <u>https://ncacva.org/</u>









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