

DO YOU KNOW

- 1) **Changing eligibility requirements**, ie, you cannot use the same period of service to establish eligibility for CH 30, CH 322, CH 33, CH 1606 and CH 1607 benefits. This virtually eliminates the possibility of 12 additional months of CH 33 after exhausting another chapter if you only have one period of service! **Effective 8/1/11.**
- 2) **PL111-337 changes how institutions must charge the VA for your tuition and fees.** For periods of enrollment beginning on or after August 1, 2011, we must charge according to the following:

“The actual net cost for **in-state tuition and fees** assessed by the institution for the program of education **after the application** of any waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees; and any scholarship, or 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.

VA no longer pays any portion of out-of-state tuition and fees as all state maximums have been abolished.

- 3) **Changes rules for BAH:** you must be training at full-time status to receive full BAH allowance. If you are enrolled in greater than half-time but less than full-time, you're BAH will be pro-rated. **Effective for terms beginning on or after 8/1/11**

Distance Learning: Individuals only enrolled in more than half-time (6-11 credit hrs) pursuit all distance learning courses will be eligible for a monthly housing allowance equal to 50% of the national average of all BAH rates Effective **10/1/11.**

Regardless of the mode of delivery (on campus or distance learning) of your classes, if you are enrolled in less than 50% (1-5 credit hrs) of full time (12 credit hrs), you will receive only applicable tuition and fees. **No BAH!!!! This is not a change**

- 4) **Changes where you can use your Post 9/11 GI Bill:** you can now train at a Vo-Tech; you can use it for reimbursement of more than one Licensing exam, Certification exam, and/or National Exam. It can be used for On-the-Job Training and Flight Programs under certain conditions. **Effective 10/1/11**
- 5) **Change in eligibility criteria:** Character of service must now be **fully honorable** to establish eligibility for this benefit. **Effective date 01/1/11**
- 6) **Changes how benefits are paid for active duty individuals and spouses to which they have transferred benefits training at more than ½ time rate:** These individuals will be subject to eligibility levels (40% - 100%) based on the length of service to date. **Effective 3/ 5/11**
Effective 8/1/11, this rules will apply to all active duty enrollments (individual & spouse) regardless of rate of pursuit.
- 7) **Changes how Kickers are paid** Eligible individuals will receive payments for CH 30 and CH 1606 kicker payments on a monthly, rather than a lump sum basis. Kickers will be paid regardless of rate of pursuit rounded to the nearest multiple of 10. Percentage of eligibility **is not** factored into calculation for amount of kicker paid. Effective 8/1/11
- 8) **No more Interval (Break) Pay:** You will no longer be paid Interval Pay (paid during periods when classes are not in session). This rule applies to **ALL** chapters (**including CH 31 Voc-Rehab**) of VA education benefits. Effective: 8/1/11

The Good news is by not being paid through the breaks, you are conserving entitlement. When you were paid through the breaks, that pay was charged against your entitlement. **The bad news:** it will be a long time between full month payments.

General Information

- 1) **Chapter 10, 1606 & 1607:** Students must “Self Cert” monthly to receive benefits. Students must verify their enrollment at the end of the month.
By Telephone 1-877-823-2378
By web use “Wave”: www.gibill.va.gov
- 2) **Your first check** Please remember that it can take anywhere from 6 to 8 weeks and it may be for a partial month.

It is your responsibility to notify the VA Coordinator of all changes in hours or degree change.

Students who enroll in classes will be responsible to pay all tuition and fee, whether they ever attend a class/es or not. **EXCEPTION:** If student officially drops all classes by the last scheduled day to drop, they will not be charged for the class/es.

If students do not drop classes by the specified deadline, they will be assessed 100% of the enrollment fee/tuition charges. Therefore, non-attending students who Do Not official drop from class at the professor’s discretion, will receive a punitive grade (F) or a non-punitive grade of AW or W or U and will be responsible for full payment of all charges. A punitive grade is used in the computation of your grade point average (GPA). Neither non-punitive grades nor grades in zero level classes figure into your GPA.

If you do not attend class with the drop period, you may receive a grade of AW. If you do not receive an AW at the end of the drop period due to non-attendance, at the end of the term your professor has the authority to give you a grade of AW, U or F. AW and U Grades do not affect your GPA, but you will be responsible for full payment of the charges. An F grade will affect your GPA negatively and you will be responsible for full payment of charges.

VA Policy: You will be in an overpayment situation too? It is against VA policy to pay education benefits for non-pursuit; if you are not going to school, you are not pursuing credit! Therefore, the VA will demand the money back that paid you for the class(es) you did not attend. You may still be in an overpayment with the VA and you may still owe tuition and fees to Murray State College, but the sooner you drop the class the less your overpayment will be and you will save your GPA. If you receive an F, AW, or U grade at the end of the term, **VA regulations require us to report your last date of attendance to the VA.**

If you stopped attending the class before the end of the term, you will be in an overpayment situation. Professors are not required to take attendance. The last day of attendance they report for you will be the last day they can prove you attended or participated in their class.

Probation If a student is placed on academic probation this will be reported to the VA.

Suspension If a student is suspended this will be reported to the VA.

Graduation When you graduate this will be reported to the VA.