

VETERANS/DEPENDENTS IN-STATE TUITION

I. Purpose

To ensure compliance with Section 1005 of the Isakson and Roe Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (PL 116-315), which is an update to Section 3679(c) of title 38, United States Code, including PL 115-251, also known as the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act) which requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30), and Veterans Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31) at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the in-state rate.

II. Scope

This policy is effective August 1, 2021, and applies to any qualifying veteran and dependents of veterans (children/spouses).

III. General

To remain compliant and approved to receive VA's GI Bill programs funding, schools must charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A "covered individual" is defined in Section 1005 of Public Law 116-315 as:

- A veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located, regardless of his/her formal state of residence, and enrolls in the school, regardless of when they discharged from military service.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located regardless of his/her formal state of residence, and enrolls in the school, regardless of when the military member is discharged from military service.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located regardless of his/her formal state of residence, and enrolls in the school, regardless of when the military member died in the line of duty.
- A spouse or child using benefits under Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents Educational Assistance Program who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located, regardless of their former state of residence, and enrolls in the school, regardless of when the military member died in the line of duty or when the individual became eligible to receive the benefit.

Any individual using VA Educational Assistance Benefits for a VA approved program under either Chapter 30, Chapter 31, Chapter 33, Chapter 35, or the Fry Scholarship and lives in the State of Michigan while attending the College, regardless of his/her formal state of residence, and regardless of when they or the military member was

discharged from military service will be charged in-state tuition rates for all VA approved programs.

IV. Responsibility

The responsibility for the interpretation and administration of this policy is delegated to the Registrar or designee.

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