

Veteran Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 Effective August 1, 2019 Background: Section 103 of PL 115-407, "Veterans Benefits and transition Act of 2018, amends the Title 38 US Code 3679 by adding a new subsection (e) that requires disapproval of courses of education, beginning August 1, 2019, at any educational institution that does not have policy in place that will allow an individual to attend or participate in a course of education, pending VA payment, providing the individual submits a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33.

Hampton University Policy:

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e) of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, Hampton University will not impose a penalty on any student using veterans' education benefits under Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill ® because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the University due to the delayed disbursement of funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). *GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Webs site at <http://www.benefis.va.gov/gibill> [benefis.va.gov]."*

Hampton University will not

- Prevent the student from attending or participating in the course of education during periods in which there is a delayed disbursement;
- Assess a late payment fee if the financial obligation is fully funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding for delayed disbursements;
- Deny access to University facilities and services (e.g. access to grades, transcripts, and registration) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills.
- However, Hampton University will require that such students adhere to the following:
  - Produce the VA's Certification of Eligibility by the first day of class,
  - Provide written request to be certified, and
  - Provide additional information needed to properly certify. (All students must complete the enrollment form stating that he/she would like to use their benefits and a copy of their class schedule each semester)

All students receiving benefits should only register for courses listed in their degree program. Students will not be certified for courses outside of their major.

The school shall report all courses in which a Veteran or eligible person is enrolled without delay to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). The school will also report any interruptions or terminations of such course work or enrollment changes to the DVA based on the last day of pursuit.

All students should follow the institution's Student Grievance Procedure. Veteran/Military students should also follow this policy. If the situation is not resolved at the institution, the beneficiary should send a complaint to [SAA@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:SAA@dvs.virginia.gov) (Virginia State Approving Agency — SAA). "The Virginia State

**Approving Agency (SAA) is the approving authority of education and training programs for Virginia. Our office investigates complaints of GI Bill® beneficiaries. While most complaints should initially follow the school grievance policy, if the situation cannot be resolved at the school, the beneficiary should contact our office via email [saa@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:saa@dvs.virginia.gov)." GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Webs site at <http://www.benefis.va.gov/gibill> [[benefis.va.gov](http://www.benefis.va.gov)]."**

All students are reviewed for progress toward the completion of their degree. This process takes place during the pre-registration period of each semester by the academic advisor. A student cannot receive his/her registration PIN number without being advised by his/her major advisor.

The Office of the Registrar will also check each veteran/military student's course enrollment schedule to ensure that their enrolled courses are required for the completion of their major degree program. Students will not be certified for courses not listed in the major program. This may reduce the number of full time hours submitted to the Office of Veteran Affairs. All students must check their schedule for accuracy. For additional questions, contact the Registrar at <http://registrar.hamptonu.edu/veteran.cfm>.