

Title 38 United States Code Section 3679(e) School Compliance Form

As part of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38, United States Code was amended, and educational institution will be required to sign this form to confirm their compliance with the requirements as outlined.

Effective August 1, 2019, the State Approving Agency, or the Secretary when acting in the role of the State Approving Agency, shall disapprove a course of education provided by an educational institution that has in effect a policy that is inconsistent the areas below:

NOTE: A **Covered Individual** is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

- Your policy must permit any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 (a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website e-Benefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
 1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
 2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.
- Your policy must ensure that your educational institution will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Your signature on this document attests that your facility (**Select One**):


- currently complies with the requirements of 38 USC 3679(e) and this is already reflected in your catalog
- currently complies with the requirements of 38 USC 3679(e) and will publish formally in your next catalog or addendum.
- will comply by the effective date of August 1, 2019 and will publish revised policies in your next catalog or addendum.

****Please ensure that policies in the next publication of your catalog, bulletin, or addendum align with all of the above requirements.****

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Facility Code: 11010138

Name and Title of School Official: George McDowell, Recruitment and Retention Strategist, SCO

Signature and Date:  7/12/2019

In addition, statute allows your policy to require Ch. 31 and Ch. 33 students to take the following additional actions:

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1. Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education.
2. Submit a written request to use such entitlement.
3. Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.
4. Your policy may also require additional payment or impose a fee for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student's financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement.

If your educational institution will be requiring any of these additional actions by students, please submit your policy update to the SAA by September 30, 2019. You should also ensure that these policies are part of the next publication of your catalog, bulletin, or addendum.

Waivers of this requirement may be granted by VA. If you have a waiver, please send that documentation to the SAA so we may correctly document your compliance. VA will send communication about obtaining waivers at a later date.