



Procedure/Standard Number 2019-01

Financial Clearance (Chapter 31 and 33 Recipients)

For Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment or Chapter 33: Post 9-11 GI® Bill*

History: The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 was amended causing educational institutions to stop imposing penalties (late fees) or the requirement to seek alternative funding, while VA educational beneficiaries wait to receive payment on their behalf from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. 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 who is not compliance.

Key Words/Categories: Compliance, Penalty, Payment

Additional References: [Title 38 U.S.C. Section 3679\(e\)](#)

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I. Introduction

- A. Lincoln University will allow any covered individual to attend or participate in registered courses at the start of a semester (term) as determined by the published [academic calendar](#). Further, Lincoln 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.

i. Covered Individual

any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VRE) or Chapter 33- Post-9/11 GI® Bill benefits.

ii. Chapter 31- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VRE)

1. Assists veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs
2. Provides comprehensive rehabilitation evaluation to determine abilities, skills and interests
3. Offers assistance with post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school
4. For veterans with a disability rating greater than 20%
5. Pays tuition and fees, books and supplies voucher, and monthly housing stipend
6. Must see a Vocational Rehabilitation counselor to determine eligibility

iii. Chapter 33- Post 9/11 GI® Bill

1. The Post 9/11 GI ®Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable Discharge to be eligible.

2. May transfer some or all of entitlement to dependents if sponsor is on active duty
3. Percentage of benefits paid is based on amount of active duty time after Sep 11, 2001 (40–100%)
4. Pays tuition and fees, book stipend, and housing stipend to the percent of benefits payable of sponsor and training time (full-time vs. part-time)

II. Uncovered Charges

- A. Student Veterans must make and comply with payment arrangements for the amount that is the difference between the total amount due from all eligible charges and the amount the VA educational benefit disburses.

- i. Eligible charges include, but are not limited to:

1. Acceptance Fee
2. Tuition
3. Mandatory Fees
4. Room & Board*
5. Lab Fees
6. Graduation Fee

**This fee is not directly covered by VA Educational benefits payments made on behalf of the Student Veteran.*

III. Documentation

- A. Covered Individuals (Section A. i.) must submit a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), which establishes entitlement for Chapter 33 benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status (VA Form 28-1905).
- B. A [Benefits Enrollment Form](#) (written request) must be completed prior to the start of each semester (term) showing intent to use such entitlement.
- i. If not provided, the Student Veteran may experience a delay in the submission of a certification through VA-ONCE requesting payment on their behalf.
- C. Lincoln University shall maintain copies of these documents in accordance with the Student Veteran's filing procedures.

IV. Effective Date

Effective for terms beginning after August 1, 2019.