Responsible Official: Vice President for Enrollment Management

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University Operating Procedure

Tuition Billing for Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans, and their Families

Overview

The federal government has established qualification for assessment of a lower rate of tuition, consistent with the rate established by the Vermont Legislature for in-state residents and detailed in the University’s Residency Policy, for certain students who are members of the Armed Forces or Veterans thereof, as well as certain family members of those students. Irrespective of a student’s in-state status as defined in the Residency Policy, upon submission of appropriate documentation, UVM will charge members of the armed forces, veterans, and qualifying family members the in-state tuition rate in accordance with federal law.

Procedures

Eligibility for Higher Education Opportunity Act Benefits

In compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), the following rules and definitions apply for members of the armed forces, their spouses and dependent children to qualify for billing of tuition at the in-state rate:

1. A member of the armed forces who is on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and whose domicile or permanent duty station is in Vermont, or his or her spouse or dependent children, will be charged tuition at the in-state rate.

2. The member of the armed forces or his or her family member eligible for tuition at the in-state rate under this paragraph will continue to be eligible for billing of tuition at the in-state rate as long as the individual is continuously enrolled, even if there is a subsequent change in the permanent duty station of the member to a location outside of the State of Vermont.

3. For purposes of this Rule for members of the armed forces the following definitions apply:
   a. “Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.
b. “Active duty” means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States and includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned. Such term does not include full-time National Guard duty.

c. “Active duty for a period of more than 30 days” means active duty under a call or order that does not specify a period of 30 days or less.

Eligibility for Veterans Affairs Education Benefits

Individuals using certain Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.) education benefits will be charged tuition at the in-state rate if the individual:

1. is a veteran using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. bill – Active Duty Program) or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill), of title 38 United States Code, who lives in Vermont and enrolls in the University within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of ninety days or more;
2. is anyone using a veteran’s transferred Post-G.I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319), who lives in Vermont and enrolls in the University within three years of the transferor veteran’s discharge from a period of active duty service of ninety days or more;
3. is anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)), who lives in Vermont; or
4. is anyone living in the state of Vermont and using a service member’s transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319), regardless of his or her formal state of residence, and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty; and
5. With respect to V.A. categories 1 and 2 above, after the expiration of the three-year period following discharge as described in 38 U.S.C. § 3679(c), a student who initially qualifies under this subsection will continue to be charged tuition at the in-state rate as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled, other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms at the University, even if she or he enrolls in multiple programs.

Application for HEOA or V.A. Education Benefits

1. The student must submit an application for in-state tuition rate using UVM’s V.A. Education Benefits Application (http://www.uvm.edu/~veterans/?Page=choiceact.html), or UVM’s HEOA Education Benefits Application (http://www.uvm.edu/~veterans/20170427_HEOA_Application.pdf), as applicable, and all relevant supporting information.
2. The eligibility decision shall be made by the Coordinator of Student Veteran Services, or designee, based upon information furnished by the student, information requested of the student, and other relevant information available consistent with University policies and procedures and legal guidelines.
3. Additional documents and/or verification may be requested.
4. The student’s failure to produce information requested may adversely affect the eligibility decision.
5. A student or others furnishing information may request the deletion of irrelevant private data from documents.
6. A determination of eligibility for V.A. or HEOA Education Benefits is valid only if a student actually enrolls for the semester in question. If a student does not enroll, they must submit a new and timely Application.

Definitions

None

Contacts/Responsible Official

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to:

Student Veteran Services
veterans@uvm.edu
(802) 656-0581

The Vice President for Enrollment Management is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this policy.

Forms

Application for HEOA Education Benefits at UVM
http://www.uvm.edu/~veterans/20170427_HEOA_Application.pdf
Application for V.A. Education Benefits at UVM
http://www.uvm.edu/~veterans/?Page=choiceact.html

Related Documents/Policies

Residency Policy
http://www.uvm.edu/policies/student/resregs.pdf

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