

Veteran Students

South Coast College is in compliance with requirements prescribed in 38 U.S.C. §3679(e) beginning August 1, 2019.

South Coast College has policies consistent with the following:

(A) A policy that permits 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 assistant under chapter 31 or 33 of this title and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- (i) The date on which the Secretary provides payment for such course of education to such institution.
- (ii) The date that is 90 days after the date on which the educational institution certifies for tuition and fees following receipt from the student such certificate of eligibility.

(B) A policy that ensures that the 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 ability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31 or 33 of this title.

**Section 103, Public Law 115-407
Veterans Benefits and Transition Act Of 2018**

EFFECTIVE DATE:
August 1, 2019

WHAT IS IT?
Prevents a school from penalizing the student while waiting for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make tuition and fee payments.

- Cannot deny a student access to classrooms, libraries, or other institutional facilities.
- Cannot make the student borrow money to cover the cost while waiting for payment.
- Cannot charge a student a late fee or penalty.

WHO IS COVERED
Any student using benefits covered under Title 38 of the United States Code, Chapter 31 or under the Post-9/11 GI Bill¹, also known as Chapter 33.

WHAT IS THE COVERED PERIOD?
Protection begins when the student provides the school with a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or a Statement of Benefit.

- The School can require the student to submit the COE or Statement of Benefits no later than the first day of the program.

¹ GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

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- Can also require the student to submit a written request to use benefits or other necessary certifications.

Protection ends when VA makes payment or 90 days after the date that the school certifies tuition and fees.

IMPLEMENTATION

- State Approving Agencies (SAAs) have contacted schools and provided a standardized catalog addendum.
- Addendum is an attestation that the school's policy is in accordance with the law.
- Addendums must be complete and returned to the SAA in accordance with SAA guidance.

WAIVERS

Information on waivers will be provided by VA at a later date.