

July 17, 2018

Dear School Certifying Official,

The *Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017*, known as the “Forever GI Bill,” affects several parts of our GI Bill® programs. Section 107, the calculation of the Post-9/11 GI Bill monthly housing allowance based on the location of the campus where the majority of classes are attended, requires extensive Information Technology and procedural changes to implement.

You are key to making the transition to the new technology and processes as smooth as possible, and as we continue the work to implement this law, we want to share our latest information affecting your procedures.

This letter contains an important update regarding Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollment certifications for terms beginning on or after August 1, 2018.

What: You may resume submitting Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollment certifications for students whose terms begin on or after August 1, 2018. There is no change to the certification process at this time.

Although the changes in the VA Online Certification of Enrollment (VA-ONCE) system that were expected for July 16th are not complete, we will no longer hold up the submission of fall enrollment certifications.

Please note that if you certify any enrollment where the majority of the training is taken in a zip code outside of the location shown in the public version of the Web Enabled Approval Management System ([WEAMS](#)), that enrollment **must be resubmitted after the VA-ONCE changes are implemented.**

We understand this is inconvenient and truly appreciate your hard work, continued assistance, and dedication to such an important mission.

What Next: VA-ONCE modifications are expected in late July or early August. SCO webinars that outline the expected VA-ONCE changes have been scheduled, and we will be happy to answer your questions during those webinars. Please see below to attend:

When:

Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 2 pm ET
Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 2 pm ET
Thursday, August 02, 2018, 2 pm ET
Tuesday, August 14, 2018, 2 pm ET
Thursday, August 16, 2018, 2 pm ET



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**
Veterans Benefits
Administration
1800 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20006

Contact information:

Web:
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/forevergibill.asp>
Phone: 1-888-442-4551
TDD: 711

Social media:

Twitter: @VAVetBenefits
Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/gibillEducation>

If you know a Veteran who is in crisis, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 2 pm ET
Thursday, August 30, 2018, 2 pm ET
Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 2 pm ET
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 2 pm ET

Where: <https://vbatraining.adobeconnect.com/colmery/>
Dial: Conference Number(s): 1-800-767-1750; Participant Code: 37639#

For more information, including the times of these sessions, please see our [Facebook](#) page, and our [website](#).

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before:

Test your connection:

https://vbatraining.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Get a quick overview: <http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>

Additional Information: You should check the public version of the Web Enabled Approval Management System ([WEAMS](#)) to make sure the zip code(s) of your facility is the physical location where students attend classes.

If you have questions, please contact your [Education Liaison Representative](#). We will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Thank you again for your work on behalf of our nation's Veterans.

Respectfully,



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