

Fact Sheet CH30

This fact sheet covers general information about veteran education benefits.

Only VA can answer specific questions regarding your benefits such as eligibility, remaining entitlement, overpayments (debt), rate of pursuit, and payment amounts.

Helpful Hints

- VA will only pay for classes required for your degree plan.
- VA will only pay for a developmental class (under the 100 level) **IF**:
 - The need for the developmental class is justified with test scores
 - The class is 100% in person (not online, hybrid, or self-paced)
- VA considers college-level hybrid classes as traditional learning (100% in person).
- VA considers self-paced classes as online learning, unless there is a classroom component.
- All VA payments go to the student, who must then pay PPSC for the tuition & fees.
- Military & Veterans Program's academic advisors are available to help you maximize your benefits.
- Check your student email account regularly. This is our primary method of communication with students.

Pay Rates Effective October 1, 2020:

For the most up-to-date information visit VA's [Chapter 30 Rate Table](#).

Rates for those completing an enlistment of 3 years or more:

Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$2,122.00
¾ time	\$1,591.50
½ time	\$1061.00
less than ½ time more than ¼ time	\$1061.00**
¼ time or less	\$530.50**

** Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount.

Rates for those completing an enlistment of less than 3 years:

Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$1,722.00
¾ time	\$1,291.50
½ time	\$861.00
less than ½ time more than ¼ time	\$861.00 **
¼ time or less	\$430.50 **

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Commonly used Phone Numbers and Websites:

Pikes Peak State College (mvp@pikespeak.edu) 1-719-502-4100

St. Louis VA Regional Office General Education 1-888-442-4551

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Monthly Verification of Enrollment

1-877-823-2378

W.A.V.E

www.gibill.va.gov/wave

The first time you log onto W.A.V.E. (Web Automated Verification of Enrollment) your password will be the last 6 digits of your social security number.

Direct Deposit - Sign up or change

1-877-838-2778

VA Debt Management Center

1-800-827-0648

National Personnel Records Center

1-314-801-0800

Denver VR&E

1-303-914-5550

GI Bill®

www.gibill.va.gov

eBenefits

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Definitions:

Academic Probation: Schools that have an academic progress policy allowing for a period of academic probation prior to termination for Unsatisfactory Progress (Academic Suspension) are required to notify VA promptly. PPSC requires the student to maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher. If the student fails to maintain a GPA of 2.0, the student will first be placed on Academic Probation. If the student fails to maintain a GPA of 2.0 during their probation period, the student will then be placed on Academic Suspension.

Advanced Payment: Provides a student with benefit payments at the beginning of a school term to help the student meet expenses concentrated at the beginning of the term. Advanced payment pays the student's monthly benefit for the first and second month of the quarter or semester in advance. Student must submit request for advanced payment 30 days prior to the start of the term. Student must be enrolled at least half-time. Advanced payment applies only to Chapter 30, 35 and 1606.

Change of Address and Direct Deposit: Information must be kept current. Chapter 30 and 1606 can use the WAVE system to update information. All other students can call 877-838-2778 or go to <http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>.

Course Applicability: Only courses that satisfy requirements outlined by the PPSC catalog or graduation evaluation form can be certified for VA purposes. If the student takes a course that does not fulfill a program requirement, it cannot be certified for VA purposes.

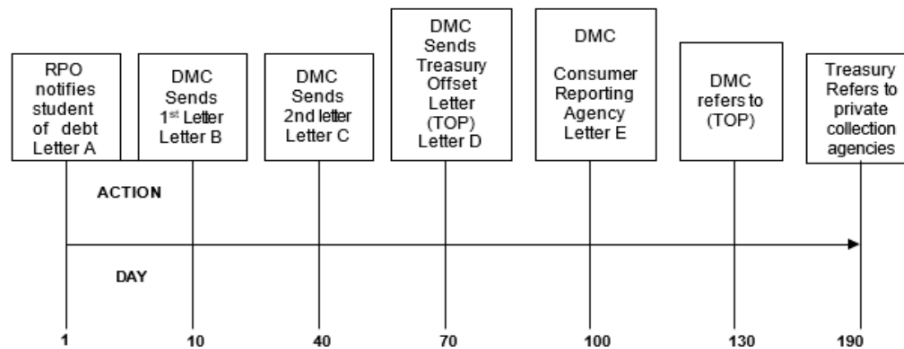
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Course Substitutions: If the college allows substitutions for program requirements, VA will allow course substitutions if the school approves them and they are documented in the students' file (Degree Modification).

Debts and Over-Payments: A student debt can occur when a student:

- Drops a course after the first day of term.
- Withdraws from a course.

STUDENT DEBT COLLECTION TIMELINE



This timeline reflects letters sent by VA and Debt Management Center Reference A-E.

Hybrid Classes: Hybrid, or blended, courses combine on-campus class sessions with Internet-based coursework. In most cases students will meet once a week for lecture, hands-on learning, and face-to-face group activities. Remaining assignments will be completed online.

Last Date of Attendance (LDA): VA requires the school to report the LDA if the student:

- Officially withdraws.
- Is administratively withdrawn or stops attending without officially withdrawing.

Non-Punitive Grade: A grade that does not count as earned credit and is not considered in progress standards for graduation. A withdrawal after the drop period is a non-punitive grade. They do not apply to the degree and they do not affect academic progress (GPA).

Prior Credit: VA **requires** the school to review prior credit from previous institutions as well as any military training and grants credit as appropriate to the student's current program.

Punitive Grade: A grade assigned for pursuit of a course which is used in determining the student's overall progress toward completion of this school's requirements for graduation (e.g. a failing grade). A punitive grade does affect the criteria (GPA) to be met by the student for graduation.

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Repeating Courses: VA allows the school to certify repeated courses if the student fails a course that is required to complete minimum requirements for graduation. VA prohibits the school from certifying a repeat course if the course was completed successfully, unless the degree program requires a higher grade than achieved. For example, if Nursing requires a “B” or better in Biology and the student received a C, the school can certify this class as a repeat.

Student Verification of Enrollment: Students receiving Chapter 30 and 1606 must verify their attendance monthly by Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) or by Interactive Voice Response (IVR) on the **last calendar day of each month**. Failing to do so will cause a delay in payments.

Supplemental and Concurrent Enrollment (GUEST Students): A student may take courses at more than one school that apply to his/her degree program. The school that will grant the degree is the student’s “primary” school. All other schools are “secondary” schools. VA can pay benefits for courses taken at secondary schools. VA will pay for the credits taken at the secondary school even if the student is only enrolled at the secondary school (supplemental enrollment). If the student is enrolled at the primary school and the secondary school at the same time (concurrent enrollment), VA will pay for the combined credit, taking overlapping enrollment dates into account. Students are required to submit a Primary School Letter (Parent Letter) to the secondary school in order to receive benefits for the specified course(s).