Department of Veterans Affairs

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT RESTORATION REQUEST DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE, PROGRAM SUSPENSION OR WITHDRAWAL (VA FORM 22-0989)

HOW TO USE THIS FORM

Use this form to apply for restoration of entitlement for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits used at a school that has permanently closed or had its approval to receive VA benefits withdrawn or, due to COVID-19 and between March 1, 2020 and December 21, 2021 has closed temporarily or suspended your program of study. For this form "school" is used interchangeably with "training facility", and "educational institution". Respond to all required questions regardless of the type of school you were attending.

With limited exception, the VA can restore entitlement only for the period of enrollment in which you did not receive credit (or in which you lost training time). Generally this means that entitlement can only be restored for the single term you were enrolled in when your program was suspended, your school closed temporarily or permanently, or lost its approval to receive VA benefits, as described above.

Entitlement restoration can only be granted for the benefits listed below. Additionally, Public Law 116-140 authorized entitlement restoration except as indicated.

- Post- 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program (Chapter 35)
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) (Chapter 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) (Chapter 32) (**Note**: Restoration ***is not*** available for temporary closure or suspension of program due to COVID-19)

ENTITLEMENT RESTORATION REQUEST DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE, PROGRAM SUSPENSION OR WITHDRAWAL

Part II

In this section **"closed"**, **"disapproved"**, and **"withdrawn"** are used interchangeably. Respond to all required questions regardless of whether your educational institution temporarily or permanently closed, suspended your program of education (aka program of study or college major) or had its approval withdrawn.

Item 7B. Did your school provide you credit for the classes you were attending when it closed, was withdrawn, or suspended your program of education (example: Your school closed one week before its normal end of term; however your transcript indicates you have received a letter grade for the term)?

HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

After completing this form please send the completed form via mail to:

Muskogee Regional Processing Office
Restoration of Entitlement Team
P. O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

This form can also be submitted electronically through the Internet Inquiry System at:
https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/utils/login_form/redirect/ask.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses as identified in VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. An example of routine use allows VA to send educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) for VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to monitor his or her progress during training. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain education benefits. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits under the law. Payment of education benefits cannot be made unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3471). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility for education benefits (38 U.S.C. 3471). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at **www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain**. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this information collection.

OMB Approved No. 2900-0859
Respondent Burden: 15 Minutes
Expiration Date: 11/30/2020

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EDUCATION BENEFIT ENTITLEMENT RESTORATION REQUEST DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE, PROGRAM SUSPENSION OR WITHDRAWAL

IMPORTANT - Please read Privacy Act Notice and Respondent Burden Information on Page 1 before completing form.

PART I - APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME OF APPLICANT (First, Middle Initial, Last)

2. VA FILE NUMBER (If unknown, provide your Social Security number)

3. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code)

VA DATE STAMP
(For VA Use Only)

4. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

5. EMAIL ADDRESS

PART II - INFORMATION NEEDED TO REVIEW FOR ENTITLEMENT RESTORATION

6A. DID YOUR SCHOOL CLOSE, SUSPEND YOUR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM OR WAS YOUR PROGRAM WITHDRAWN?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes", complete Item 6B)*

6B. PROVIDE THE NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL THAT CLOSED OR THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL WHERE YOUR PROGRAM WAS WITHDRAWN OR SUSPENDED

7A. DID YOU COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF STUDY AT THE CLOSED/DISAPPROVED SCHOOL?

☐ YES ☐ NO

7B. DID YOU RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE ENROLLED HOURS BEING ATTEMPTED AT THE TIME OF THE CLOSURE, WITHDRAWAL OR SUSPENSION?

☐ YES ☐ NO

7C. WERE YOU STILL ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM OF STUDY WHEN THE SCHOOL CLOSED WAS DISAPPROVED OR SUSPENDED YOUR PROGRAM?

☐ YES ☐ NO

7D. WERE YOU ON AN APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED/PROGRAM WAS SUSPENDED OR WITHDRAWN?

☐ YES ☐ NO

8A. DID YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL CLOSING?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes", complete Item 8B)*

8B. PROVIDE THE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SCHOOL

9A. ARE YOU ENROLLED IN A COURSE OF STUDY AT A NEW SCHOOL?

☐ YES ☐ NO *(If "Yes", complete Item 9B)*

9B. PROVIDE THE FULL NAME OF YOUR NEW SCHOOL AND PROGRAM

9C. ARE YOU COMPLETING YOUR PROGRAM OF STUDY AT A NEW SCHOOL THROUGH A TEACH-OUT AGREEMENT WITH THE CLOSED/DISAPPROVED SCHOOL?

☐ YES ☐ NO

9D. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A NEW SCHOOL, DID THEY GRANT ANY CREDIT FOR ANY COURSES TAKEN FROM THE CLOSED/ DISAPPROVED SCHOOL?

☐ YES ☐ NO

10. IF YOU ATTENDED A NON-COLLEGE DEGREE (NCD) SCHOOL THAT WAS CLOSED, SUSPENDED YOUR PROGRAM OR WAS DISAPPROVED, DID THAT SCHOOL TRANSFER ANY HOURS OR CREDITS?

☐ YES ☐ NO

11. WHAT WAS YOUR LAST DATE OF ATTENDANCE AT THE CLOSED OR DISAPPROVED SCHOOL OR IN THE SUSPENDED PROGRAM?

12. REMARKS *(If any)*

PART III - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

13A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(DO NOT Print) (Sign in ink)*

13B. DATE SIGNED *(MM,DD,YYYY)*

PENALTY - WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS AS TO A MATERIAL FACT IN A CLAIM FOR EDUCATION BENEFITS IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THESE OR OTHER BENEFITS AND IN CRIMINAL PENALTIES.