

## Procedure 3.2527

### Veteran Affairs Procedure

The Veterans Administration provides assistance to veterans discharged under conditions other than dishonorable in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. General information on current education benefits is provided below. To obtain more information on these benefits please visit the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website.

When a veteran enrolls in a program approved for training, he/she must pursue the exact curriculum outlined in the College catalog. Veterans will not be certified until all academic transcripts have been received and evaluated. The veteran must maintain satisfactory academic progress. Records of progress are kept by the College on both veteran and non- veteran students. Progress records are furnished to all students at the end of each scheduled college term.

#### Veterans Educational Programs

#### ***Chapter 35: Eligible Dependent Benefits***

The purpose of this program is to provide educational assistance for the eligible dependents of veterans with VA established disability of 100%, or less than a 100% but totally disabled for work purposes, or due to service-connected deaths, or death after release or discharge from active duty of service connected disability, or having been listed as missing in action, captured, detained or interred in line of duty by a foreign government or power for more than 90 days. Eligibility and period of eligibility will be determined by the VA Regional Office.

#### ***Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill®***

The Montgomery GI Bill®, Chapter 30, (which also provides for an educational entitlement program for members of the Selected Reserves, Chapter 1606 Title 10, United States codes) provides Educational Assistance Benefits to individuals who just became members of the Armed Forces or first entered on active duty after June 30, 1985. Eligibility will be determined with the Veterans Administration. The VA will determine entitlement and amounts of educational assistance to be paid.

**Chapter 1606: Educational Assistance for Members of Selected Reserve and National Guard Units**

The purpose of Chapter 1606 is to provide educational assistance and to encourage membership in selected Reserve and National Guard Units. The Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard are included. Eligible reservists are entitled to 36 months of educational assistance based upon full-time training.

**Chapter 1607: Educational Assistance for Members of Selected Reserve and National Guard Units (REAP)**

The purpose of Chapter 1607 is to provide educational assistance for National Guard and Reservists called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency as declared by the President or Congress. This program makes certain those activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001 are either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits (based on time deployed).

**North Carolina National Guard Tuition Assistance Program**

Active North Carolina National Guard members may be eligible for tuition assistance. Persons desiring information or applications for this assistance should contact their unit representative.

**Scholarships for Children of Certain Deceased, Disabled, or POW/MIA Veterans**

The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs provides scholarships for the children of certain categories of deceased or severely disabled war veterans. For additional information and an application, write to N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs, 1315 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1315.

**Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill®**

The purpose of the Post-9/11 GI Bill® is to provide educational assistance for individuals who served on active duty after 9/10/01. To be eligible, the individual must have either served on active duty for an aggregate period of at least 90 days or served at least 30 continuous days and received a service-connected disability discharge.

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In compliance with Title 38 of U. S. Code 3679(e), Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018:

1. Beaufort County Community College will permit any covered individual\* to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date the individual provides to the educational institution a VA certificate of eligibility\*\* for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
  - a. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
  - b. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.
2. BCCC ensures there will not be any imposed 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 inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.
3. BCCC requires the covered individual to take the following additional actions:
  - a. Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education.
  - b. Submit a written request to use such entitlement.
  - c. Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.
  - d. Make a payment for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student's financial obligation to BCCC and the amount of VA education benefit disbursement.

\*Covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits.

\*\* A "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes.

Veteran Student printed files are maintained for at least three years following the student's last date of attendance – CFR 21.4209. After three years, files are scanned into Soft-Doc software and stored electronically.

Federal Regulations pertaining to Veteran Benefits

38 CFR 21.4253

38 CFR 21.4209

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### References

**Legal References:** *Enter legal references here*

**Cross References:** [Academic Support Services Policy](#)

### History

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