

KEY TERMINOLOGY



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TERMINOLOGY:VA SYSTEMS

- **BDN** – Benefits Delivery Network (our veterans’ computer database and payment system)
- **FOCAS** – Flight, On-the-Job-Training, Correspondence, and Apprenticeship System
- **LTS** – Long Term Solution (system used for processing Post-9/11 GI Bill Awards)
- **TIMS** – The Image Management System (electronic filing system)
- **VA-ONCE** – VA Online Certification System (enhanced means for submitted 1999s, 1999Bs, etc.)
- **VONAAP** – Veterans On-Line Application (to apply for benefits)
- **WAVE** – Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (Chapters 30, 1606, 1607 can verify their enrollment information)
- **WEAMS** – Web Enabled Approval Management System

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- **VA 22-1990** – Application for VA Education Benefits
- **VA 22-1990e** – Application for Family Member to Use Transferred Benefits (Chapter 35 or Transferor of Entitlement)
- **VA 22-1990n** – Application for VA Education Benefits under National Call to Service
- **VA 22-1990t** – Application for Individualized Tutorial Assistance
- **VA 22-1995** – Request for Change of Program of Place of Training
- **VA 22-5490** – Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (Chapter 35)

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- **VA 22-5495** – Dependents' Request for Change of Program of Place of Training (Chapter 35 or Transferor of Entitlement)
- **VA 22-1999** – Enrollment Certification used to tell VA about each student's program, pursuit, etc.
- **VA 22-1999AM** – Amended 1999
- **VA 22-1999B** – Notice of Change in Student Status used to tell VA about any changes in student's enrollment
- **VA 22-8691** – Application for Work Study

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- **Accelerated Pay** – (Chapter 30 only) eligible/approved persons receive 60% of the cost of the program for high cost programs (total charges must exceed 200%) leading to employment in a high technology industry effective October 1, 2000.
- **Advanced Pay** – the amount payable for the initial month of fraction thereof in which the term begins, plus the amount payable for the following month (equals 45 days of payment). This is currently not available for Chapter 33.
- **Confirmed Enrollment** – an enrollment certification which is signed and sent to VA on or after the first day of the period being certified for enrollment
- **DEA** - Dependents' Educational Assistance Program – DEA (also known as Chapter 35)
- **Delimiting Date** – Use it or lose it date, the date on which an eligible person loses all the entitlement (s)he has not used

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- **DoD** – Department of Defense
- **Drop-Add Period** – Found on the VA Form 22-1999B, it really means Drop period. It is the period during which a student can drop a course without academic penalty, for VA purposes it cannot exceed 30 days from the first day of the term. It is not the same thing as a school's drop-add period, usually the first week of classes when the student can freely drop or add courses without academic or financial penalty
- **ECSS** – Education Compliance Survey Specialist - visits your school to insure compliance with VA regulations
- **ELR** – Education Liaison Representative – provides training to SCOs and serves as liaison with SAA

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- **Entitlement** – The number of months of full time benefits remaining to a veteran or dependent
- **Guest Student** – a student who is not pursuing a program at your school, but is only taking unit subjects to be transferred to a program at another school
- **IHL** – Institute of Higher Learning (colleges and universities)
- **Kicker (aka College Fund)** – A Department of Defense (DoD) program for individuals for those with critical skills. They will receive additional monetary benefits under Chapter 33, 30, 32, 1606, and 1607 (the amount is determined by one's service department).

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▪ **Mitigating Circumstances** – the circumstances beyond the claimant’s control that prevented him/her from continuing pursuing a program of education

- An illness or injury during the enrollment period.
- An illness or death in the student's immediate family.
- An unavoidable change employment.
- An unavoidable geographical transfer resulting from the student's employment.
- Immediate family or financial obligations.
- Discontinuance of the course by the school.
- Unanticipated active military service, including active duty for training.
- Unanticipated difficulties with child care.

▪ **MGIB** – Montgomery GI Bill- Active Duty (also known as Chapter 30)

▪ **MGIB-SR** – Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves (also known as Chapter 1606)

▪ **NCD** – Non-College Degree school (vocational and technical schools and programs)

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- **NOBE** – Notice of Basic Eligibility (Selected Reserves), used to determine Chapter 1606 eligibility
- **Non-punitive Grade** – a grade not used (e.g. has no point value) when determining progress for fulfillment of requirements for graduation. Such a grade neither yields credit towards the school's requirements for graduation nor affects any other graduation criterion such as GPA (Grade Point Average). Therefore, the grade causes the course to become the equivalent of an audited course for the purpose of advancement towards graduation.
- **Post-9/11 GI Bill** – also known as Chapter 33
- **Program** – the degree, certificate, or diploma the student is pursuing

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- **Punitive Grade** – Passing or failing grade is a grade assigned for pursuit of a course that is used in determining overall progress towards completion of the school’s requirements for graduation. Unlike a non-punitive grad, the punitive grade imposes a penalty towards graduation, such as an adverse effect on the student’s GPA.
- **Rate of Pursuit** – Used for Chapter 33 processing, it determines how much entitlement is charged per month and how much, if any housing is paid to the student.
- **RPO** - Regional Processing Office (ex: Atlanta)
- **REAP** – Reservist Educational Assistance Program (also known as Chapter 1607)
- **SAA** – State Approving Agency

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- **Term** – it can be semester or quarter and includes individuals session within a term
- **VEAP** – Veterans Education Assistance Program (Chapter 32)
- **Veteran** – for VA purposes this is anyone who has served at least one day of regular active duty (not active duty for training) in the armed forces of the U.S. and was discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge.
- **\$600 Buyup (aka “additional contributions”)** –Chapter 30 participants can make additional contributions to add funding to their monthly payments.