

plans to address criminally liable regulatory offenses, including factors to be considered in deciding whether to refer alleged violations of criminal regulatory offenses to the Department of Justice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 9, 2025, the President issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14294, Fighting Overcriminalization in Federal Regulations. 90 FR 20363 (published May 14, 2025). Section 7 of E.O. 14294 provides that within 45 days of the order, and in consultation with the Attorney General, each agency should publish guidance in the **Federal Register** describing its plan to address criminally liable regulatory offenses.

Consistent with that requirement, by May 9, 2026, the Department of the Treasury (Department), in consultation with the Attorney General, plans to provide to the Office of Management and Budget a report containing: (1) a list of all criminal regulatory offenses<sup>1</sup> enforceable by the Department or the Department of Justice (DOJ); and (2) for each such criminal regulatory offense, the range of potential criminal penalties

for a violation and the applicable *mens rea* standard<sup>2</sup> for the criminal regulatory offense.

This notice also announces a general policy, subject to appropriate exceptions and to the extent consistent with law, that when the Department is deciding whether to refer alleged violations of criminal regulatory offenses to DOJ, officers and employees of the Department should consider, among other factors:

- the harm or risk of harm, pecuniary or otherwise, caused by the alleged offense;
- the potential gain to the putative defendant that could result from the offense;
- whether the putative defendant held specialized knowledge, expertise, or was licensed in an industry related to the rule or regulation at issue; and
- evidence, if any is available, of the putative defendant's general awareness of the unlawfulness of his conduct as well as his knowledge or lack thereof of the regulation at issue.

This general policy is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit,

substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person. This notice does not amend or modify any existing legal obligations, duties, or standards imposed by statute or regulation.

**Christopher Pilkerton,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10., that the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War (Committee) will conduct a virtual meeting on August 27, 2025. Public participation will commence as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Open session
August 27, 2025 .....	11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST).	Cisco Webex Link and Call-in Information Below.	Yes.

The meeting session is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of benefits under title 38 U.S.C., for Veterans who are former prisoners of war (FPOW) and the needs of these Veterans, in the areas of compensation, health care, and rehabilitation.

The Committee will assemble in open session for discussion and briefings from VA Central Office and Veterans Benefits Administration officials who will provide updates on issues impacting FPOW Veterans and their families.

On August 27, 2025, the public comment period will be open for 30 minutes from 4:10 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. EST. The comment period may end sooner, if there are no comments presented or they are exhausted before the end time. Any member of the public may submit a 1–2-page commentary for the Committee's review no later than June 30, 2025.

Any member of the public wishing to virtually attend the meeting or seeking

additional information should contact, Julian Wright, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War at [Julian.Wright2@va.gov](mailto:Julian.Wright2@va.gov).

*Join On Your Computer or Mobile App:* <https://veteransbaffairs.bwebex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m0c9b03a7633be39b2f36cf36b997ed30>.

You can dial 1–404–397–1596 USA Toll Number and enter the access code below.

*Access code:* 2822 223 0344#

Dated: July 1, 2025.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**  
*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Increase in Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts Payable Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the increase in the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum tuition and fee amounts payable and the increase in the amount used to determine an individual's entitlement charge for reimbursement of a licensing, certification, or national test for the 2025–2026 academic year (AY), effective August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jamak Clifton, Veterans Benefits Administration, (202) 461–9800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For AY 2025–2026, the Post-9/11 GI Bill authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to pay the actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed the in-

<sup>1</sup> *Criminal regulatory offense* means a Federal regulation that is enforceable by a criminal penalty. E.O. 14294, sec. 3(b).

<sup>2</sup> *Mens rea* means the state of mind that by law must be proven to convict a particular defendant of a particular crime. E.O. 14294, sec. 3(c).

state amounts for students pursuing a program of education at public institutions of higher learning; \$29,920.95 for students pursuing a program of education at private and foreign institutions of higher learning; \$29,920.95 for students pursuing a program of education at non-degree-granting institutions; \$17,097.67 for students training at vocational flight schools; and \$14,533.00 for students training at correspondence schools. See 38 U.S.C. 3313.

In addition, the entitlement charge for individuals receiving reimbursement of the costs associated with taking a licensing, certification, or national test is pro-rated based on the reimbursed amount of the test fee relative to the rate of \$2,496.26 for 1 month. See 38 U.S.C. 3315(c); 3315A(c). The maximum reimbursable amount for licensing and

certification tests is \$2,000. See 38 U.S.C. 3315(b). There is no maximum reimbursable amount for national tests. Also, the entitlement charge for individuals receiving reimbursement of the costs associated with taking a preparatory course for licensure, certification, or national tests is pro-rated based on the reimbursed amount of the covered preparatory course fee relative to the rate of \$2,428.20 for 1 month. See 38 U.S.C. 3315B. There is no maximum reimbursable amount for covered preparatory courses. Although the statutory language requires VA to charge entitlement based on the “actual amount of the fee charged” for the licensure, certification, or national test or the covered preparatory course, to avoid an inequitable outcome for students, VA’s practice is to charge entitlement based on the actual

reimbursed amount of the test or course fee.

Sections 3313, 3315, 3315A, and 3315B direct VA to increase the maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement-charge amounts each academic year (beginning on August 1st) based on the most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h). The most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) is 3.4%, which was effective on October 1, 2024.

The maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement charge amounts for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill beginning after July 31, 2025, and before August 1, 2026, are listed below. VA’s calculations for AY 2025–2026 are based on the 3.4% increase.

2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR	
Type of school	Actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed
Post-9/11 GI Bill Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts	
Public .....	In-State/Resident Charges.
Private/Foreign .....	\$29,920.95.
Non-Degree Granting .....	\$29,920.95.
Vocational Flight .....	\$17,097.67.
Correspondence .....	\$14,533.00.
Post-9/11 Entitlement Charge Amount for Tests	
Licensing and Certification Tests ....	Entitlement will be pro-rated based on the reimbursed amount of the test fee relative to the rate of \$2,496.26 for 1 month. The maximum reimbursable amount for licensing and certification tests is \$2,000.
National Tests .....	Entitlement will be pro-rated based on the reimbursed amount of the test fee relative to the rate of \$2,496.26 for 1 month. There is no maximum reimbursable amount for national tests.
Preparatory Courses for Licensure, Certification, or National Tests.	Entitlement will be pro-rated based on the reimbursed amount of the covered preparatory course fee relative to the rate of \$2,428.20 for 1 month. There is no maximum reimbursable amount for covered preparatory courses.

**Signing Authority**

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on June 30, 2025, and authorized the undersigned to sign and

submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Taylor N. Mattson,**  
*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
Department of Veterans Affairs.*  
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