

(Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C))

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0092]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted through www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0092. www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch (Once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The VA Form 28-1902w, Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination is used by the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) with the Veteran during the comprehensive initial evaluation after the VA receives an application for Veteran or Service member Readiness and Employment benefits and has determined the Veteran is eligible to apply for Chapter 31 under Title 38 U.S.C. 3104(a) and 38 CFR 21.50. Use of the VA Form 28-1902w will allow the VA counselor to use the form to collect the information during the initial evaluation. The information is unique to each Veteran and must be collected to assist with making an entitlement determination during the initial evaluation or the counselor would not have enough information to properly evaluate the Veteran's circumstances. The information is collected only once. Information for Veteran Readiness and Employment Entitlement Determination takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 48,097 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64,129.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Maribel Aponte,

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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 2024-2025 academic year (AY), effective August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For AY 2024-2025, 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-state amounts for students pursuing a program of education at public institutions of higher learning; \$28,937.09 for students pursuing a program of education at private and foreign institutions of higher learning; \$28,937.09 for students pursuing a program of education at non-degree-granting institutions; \$16,535.46 for students training at vocational flight schools; and \$14,055.13 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 \$2,414.18 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 \$2,348.36 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 6.7%, which was effective on October 1, 2023.

The maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement charge amounts for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill beginning *after* July 31, 2024 and *before* August 1, 2025 are listed below. VA’s calculations for AY 2024–2025 are based on the 6.7% increase.

2024–2025 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	\$28,937.09.
Non-Degree Granting	\$28,937.09.
Vocational Flight	\$16,535.46.
Correspondence	\$14,055.13.
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 \$2,414.18 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 \$2,414.18 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 \$2,348.36 for 1 month.

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on May 20, 2024, 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.

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