

Chapter 33 Post 9/11

Transfer of Benefits

More Information:

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Welcome Military-Connected Students

We are pleased you selected Virginia Tech to continue your education and welcome you to the Hokie nation. Virginia Tech is proud of its long military history and has a strong commitment to supporting the success of our Military-connected students which includes dependents. This information will provide the steps you need to complete so you can utilize the Veteran's Education benefits you are eligible for.

Step 1: Make sure benefits have been transferred

The military service member must use the DEERS system to complete a DOD transferability application. When approved by the VA, the military service member will be mailed a **Transfer of Eligible Benefits** document.

Step 2: Apply for Benefits

Once the Transfer of Eligible Benefits is received, the dependent must apply to use the benefits. Fill out the **VA Form 22-1990E "Application for Transfer of Entitlement"** at (<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>)

The VA will process your request in about 30-45 days.

Step 3: Submit (COE) Certificate of Eligibility

The dependent will receive a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** in the mail. The **COE** will be given after the application (VONAPP) is processed online.

Once you receive your COE, please send a **copy** of this letter to the Office of Veterans Services by mail, fax, or email.

Step 4: Register for Classes

Most new freshman and transfer students will register for classes during summer orientation. Be sure to register only for classes that are required for your degree. The VA will not pay for classes that are not required!

Step 5: Complete VA Enrollment Certification Form

This online Virginia Tech form can be found in Hokie Spa. This must be completed every semester a student wants to utilize benefits. **Benefits will not be certified if the form is not completed.** We urge students to complete this form at least 45 days prior to a semester bill due date!

Important Reminders

- *Apply for benefits early!*
- *We recommend you set up an EBenefits account with the VA*
- *Students transferring must complete the VA Form 22-1995 "Change of Place or Program or Training"*
- *Make sure the veteran you are applying under has completed a DOD transferability form using the DEERS system.*



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Tuition and Fees:

- Once all paperwork is received and the student has been certified with the VA, a pending credit will be placed on the student's account in the amount expected to be paid by the VA. The pending credit relieves the student of responsibility for paying this amount until the funds are received from the VA.
- The pending credit is for **in-state tuition and fees only**.
- ***Housing, dining, and most education abroad expenses will NOT be paid by the VA.***
- The student is responsible for paying the difference between the billed amount and what the VA is expected to pay. If this difference is not paid by the bill due date, the student will be subject to late fees and holds.
- If a student is receiving scholarships or grants that must be applied directly to tuition and fees, these awards will be subtracted out of the amount certified to the VA. Virginia state grants (Commonwealth and VGAP), Virginia Tech Grant, and ROTC awards are examples of funds that will be subtracted out.

Basic Housing (BAH), Books and Supply Stipend:

- Payment of the eligible amount for BAH, **books and supply stipend** will be paid by the VA directly to eligible students approximately 30-45 days after certification or the start of the term whichever is later. Students can sign up to receive these funds by direct deposit through the VA.
- If a student is living on campus, they must ensure their housing and meal charges are paid with the Bursar's office by the bill due date. If this is not paid by the bill due date, the student will be subject to late fees and holds.
- BAH amount is determined based on the rate for an E-5 with dependents and the zip code of the institution. If a student is enrolled solely in online/distance education (virtual) courses, the BAH payment will be ½ the national average BAH for E-5 with dependents.
- BAH is paid on or after the first of the month following the month for which payment is due, e.g. BAH is paid October 1 for the month of September.
- BAH will not be provided for students enrolled less than 50% of a full time credit hours.