



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – Public Law 117-76, Responsible Education Mitigating Options and Technical Extensions (REMOTE) Act of 2021

Dear School Certifying Official,

You are receiving this communication because the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) records indicate that one or more of your facility's programs of education is presently approved for the education of U.S. military veterans and/or their family members using VA GI Bill® Education benefit programs.

This correspondence contains important information about recent changes made by the enactment of the REMOTE Act of 2021.

The REMOTE Act made changes that are important to foreign institutions approved to provide education to GI Bill beneficiaries.

- Foreign education providers are now exempt from the following requirements contained in 38 USC 3679 (f), as well as USC 3690 (c), in order to receive or maintain approval:
 - Providing beneficiaries with a financial aid shopping sheet with loan information, graduation rates, employment rates, etc.
 - Providing beneficiaries with information on the type and amount of federal financial aid not administered by VA, and financial aid offered by the institution that the individuals may qualify to receive.
 - Providing beneficiaries with an estimate of student loan debt the individuals would have upon graduation.
 - Providing a listing of conditions or additional requirements, including training, experience, or examinations, required to obtain the license, certification, or approval for which the course of education is designed to provide preparation.
 - Providing records of non-GI Bill students for examination by VA for compliance purposes.

VA has immediately incorporated these changes in its current approval processes for pending applications. Previously denied applications must be re-submitted.



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Mandatory Program Re-Approval

VA will make the appropriate changes to its VA Form 0976, "Application for Approval of a Program in a Foreign Country," and this will be included in application materials which will be released in 2022 for a mandatory reapproval process as referenced in the letter sent to your institution in July 2021.

Any questions regarding the REMOTE Act 2021, please send an email inquiry to federal.approvals@va.gov for additional guidance.

Respectfully,

Foreign Program Approvals Team
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