FY’20 SCO Annual Training Notice: 90-Day Reminder

June 2, 2020

As required by Section 305 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, School Certifying Officials (SCOs) at Covered Educational Institutions must complete annual training administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; training for SCOs at national, regional, and local conferences were postponed or cancelled; which impedes SCO’s ability to fulfill their annual training requirement by July 31, 2020.

To support and assist SCOs in fulfilling the FY’20 training requirements:

- The training cycle is extended 30-days to **August 31, 2020**
- Face-to-face conference training is restructured to include additional self-paced training modules and instructor-led virtual training events.

**How does this impact my school?**
Your school is identified as a “Covered Educational Institution” for FY’20; because there were 20 or more individuals enrolled during a calendar year, using educational assistance under title 38, United States Code. This includes main, branch and extension campuses approved by the SAA.

**What are the consequences for non-compliance?**
If SCOs at Covered Institutions fail to complete the annual training, VA will:

- Remove the SCOs ability to certify enrollments
- Refer the institution to the SAA to determine withdrawal actions

**How would will the SCOs ability to certify be restored?**
Non-Compliant SCOs at covered institutions will be required to take the “New SCO” training specific to their facility type to restore their ability to certify enrollments to the VA.

**Additional Questions?**
Questions should be directed to the **ELR of jurisdiction**.

**SCO Resources:**

- School Certifying Official (SCO) Training
- School Certifying Officials Resource Page
- School Certifying Officials Handbook
- Covered Institutions List