RESTORATION OF BENEFITS

Starting November 16th, 2017, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, (also known as the “Forever GI Bill”) authorizes restoring benefits to Veterans affected by school closures or whose degree program ended. When students’ schools abruptly close, Veterans shouldn’t lose educational entitlement— they should be able to continue to pursue their academic and education goals.

Did your degree program close between 2015 and 2017? Did you use any of your GI Bill® to cover the tuition? If so, you may qualify for restoration.

HOW DO I QUALIFY FOR RESTORATION?

If you attended a college or advanced degree program between January 1, 2015-August 16, 2017, using your GI Bill and you have not transferred any of your credits to another college, you may qualify for restoration of the entitlement charged for the term you attended during the program or school closure.

WHAT IF MY SCHOOL CLOSED AFTER AUGUST 16, 2017?

VA will not charge you for the term, quarter, or semester you were attending when the school closed or your program was disapproved if:

- Your college or program closed permanently, OR
- A change to VA regulations or a new law caused your program to end AND
- You did not receive credit, or lost training time.

WILL I STILL GET MY MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE UNDER THE POST-9/11 GI BILL?

For courses that ended after August 16, 2017, the housing allowance may be payable until the end of the term, quarter, or semester that you attended during the program or school permanent closure; or 120 days after the school or program ends (whichever is sooner).
Do I Qualify for GI Bill® Restoration?

You May Qualify...

if your school closed between January 1, 2015 and August 16, 2017.

if your school or degree program closed after August 16, 2017 and you could not complete your course.

You Don’t Qualify...

if you did not attend a college, university, or other degree program.

if you have transferred credits to another college or degree program.
Our Education Call Center is available at 1-888-442-4551 (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. -6 p.m. CST) for any questions about GI Bill benefits.

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