SCO Training Updates & Information



Ellen Shaheed
Project Lead – SCO Training
National Training Team – Compliance

Education Service Veterans Benefits Administration Department of Veterans Affairs



Updated Training Dates

Training Cycle extended 30-days due to the COVID-19 pandemic Additional details can be found on the SCO Training page



Annual Training Window Opens! Updated training requirements for all new SCOs and continuing education requirements for existing SCOs are effective

90-Day Training Alert! Notifications and reminders of the approaching August 31st continuing education deadline will be posted on the GI Bill website and sent to SCOs via Gov Delivery notice

60-Day Training Alert! Notifications and reminders of the approaching August 31st continuing education deadline will be posted on the GI Bill website and sent to SCOs via Gov Delivery notice

30-Day Training Alert! Notifications and reminders of the approaching August 31st continuing education deadline will be posted on the GI Bill website and sent to SCOs via Gov Delivery notice

Annual Training Window Closes! Continuing education requirements for existing SCOs completed

Reminder: If you do not complete your annual training requirements, VA has the authority to remove your ability to certify to VA and the SAA has the authority to disapprove your school's programs



SCO Self-Paced Training Online

webpage for additional details.

Mandatory SCO Self-Pace Training Modules Credit Hours			E	ective SCO Self-Pace Training Modules	Credit Hours	
1	On-the-Job Training/Apprenticeship Programs	1.5	1	Advanced School Certifying Official Training	2	
2	Vocational Flight Courses	1.5	2	Colmery Act Section 107 Recertification Process	3	
3	Non-College Degree Programs (Only)	1.5	3	Compliance Surveys	2	
4	Institutions of Higher Learning Programs (Only)	1.5	4	Institutions of Higher Learning with Flight Courses Conference	1	
5	Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with Non-College Degree (NCD) Programs	1	5	New School Certifying Official (SCO)	2	
6	Institutions of Higher Learning with Flight Courses	1.5	6	On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs	1	
7	VA-ONCE for Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)	2	7	SCO FY20 Debt Management Center	1	
8	VA-ONCE for Non-College Degree Programs(NCD)	1	8	Work Study Allowance Program	1	
*Mandatory training is based on facility type, check the SCO Training				*Any elective training can be taken to achieve the required training		

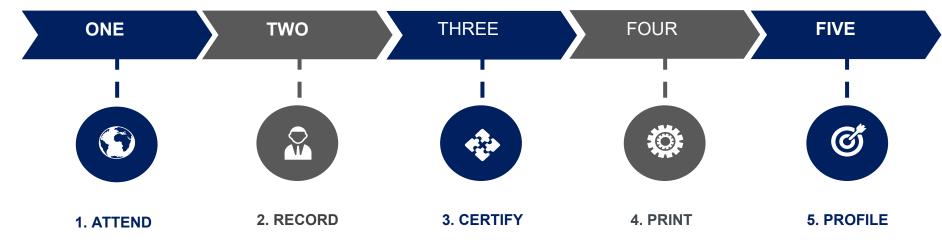
NOTE: If SCOs attend a National, Regional, Local Conference or Workshop offering "SCO Approved Training" and attendance was recorded, they can go to the SCO Training Portal and self-certify to get annual training credit.



hours.



Conference & Virtual Training Credit Process



Attend a National, Regional, Local Conference, Workshop, or Virtual Training offering eligible SCO Annual Training. Training must be taught or co-taught with an ELR or VA staff member

Record your attendance using the MENTI code given at the session or an alternative attendance tracking method designated by presenter Go on the SCO Training Portal and certify each conference session you attended. By completing this form you are certifying that you attended this training in-person and documented your attendance at the conference training session

Print your certificate and keep for your records

Check your profile to make sure all of your online and conference credit is properly counted

<u>Training Notice to Covered Institutions</u>

- June 2nd: 90-day Reminder sent to Covered Institutions
 - Sent to SCOs, School Administrators, School Presidents, & SAAs
- July 2nd: 60-day Reminder sent to Covered Institutions
 - Sent to SCOs, School Administrators, School Presidents, & SAAs

School Certifying Official (SCO) Training Page

- FY'20 SCO Training Requirement Updates
- Excerpt on Training Requirements for the SCO Handbook
- Training Notice: 90-day Reminder for Covered Institutions
- Additional Elective Self-Paced Training Modules



Section 107 Recertification Update

SCOs that need to recertify students that attended an extension campus during a term between August 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019:

August 1, 2018 Colmery Act Section

107 went into Effect

December 1, 2019
IT systems updated to calculate MHA in accordance with Section 107 point forward

May 26, 2020
All schools have begun recertification of impacted terms

I You are here

December 31, 2020 All recertifications should be complete

VA has developed a series of tools and resources to explain the 107 Recertification process and MHA Rate Changes due to Section 107 found on the <u>School Resources Page</u>:

Resource	Link			
Colmery Act Section 107 Recertification Refresher Training	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/presentations/107 Phase2 RefresherTraining.pdf			
Colmery Act Section 107 Recertification Presentation	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/presentations/Colmery_107_Recertification_n_SCO_Training.pdf			
Section 107 Recertification Scenario Basics	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/presentations/Section107_Recertification_ Scenario_Basics.pdf			
VA-ONCE Recertification Demo Videos	https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/education resources/school certifying officials/presentations.asp			
Recertification VA-ONCE Quick Reference Guide	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/presentations/107_Recertification_VAONC E_QuickRefGuide.pdf			
Facility Extension Campus Report	https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/fgib/recertificationwaivers_extensioncampusreport. xlsx			
Colmery Act Section 107 Recertification FAQs	https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/fgib/fgib_stakeholder_faqs.pdf			
Forever GI Bill ® : Monthly Housing Allowance Guide (For Students)	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBill/docs/FGIB/MHA_student_guide.pdf			
Forever GI Bill ® : Communications Toolkit	https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBill/docs/FGIB/MHA_comms_toolkit.pdf			

е



FAQs for Using the SCO Handbook Online

- **Q**. How can I search for key words in the online version?
- A: You can use the Control key and the F key (Control F) to bring up the search function
- Q. The back arrow doesn't seem to work when I want to return to the 'Table of Contents'. What can I do?
- A: Use the 'Back to Table of Contents' link at the bottom right of each page or section
- Q. The handbook seems too small and my screen view shows 'Topics' in the left margin. Can I change that?
- **<u>A</u>**: Change your screen resolution (usually found in the upper right of each tab) Increase the Zoom aspect until the margin disappears, usually 125% or greater
- Q: Can I save and/or print a copy of the handbook?

<u>A</u>: It's possible to do both using your web browser's functionality, but we discourage it. The primary reason the handbook was moved to an online format was to allow for rapid updates. Printed or saved versions might not include the latest information



Thank You

