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Office Hours: Certifying at Extension Campuses, Colmery 107 & 501 Updates and Reminders

Target Audience: SCOs and SAAs

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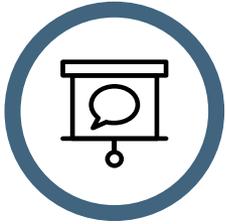


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PURPOSE

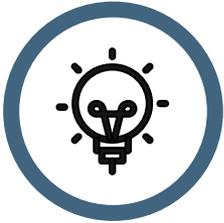


Setting you up for success by providing information about:

- Refresher on key implementation activities for Sections 107 & 501.
- The process for submitting approved extension campuses after the 9/30/2019 deadline.
- Certification considerations for terms beginning on or after 12/1/2019.
- Reminders, upcoming training and webinar opportunities.



OUTCOMES



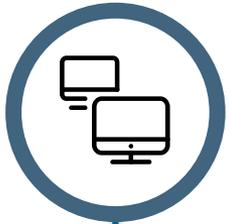
After this webinar, you will be able to:

- Understand the timeline for when extension campus data will be available.
- Describe the process for submitting an extension campus to VA after the 9/30/2019 deadline.
- Understand how to certify enrollments beginning on or after 12/1/2019 if an extension campus is not in VA-ONCE.



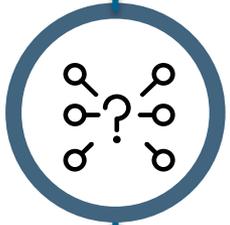
IMPORTANT NOTE for California SCOs

As of October 1, 2019, VA is serving as the State Approving Agency for the State of California.

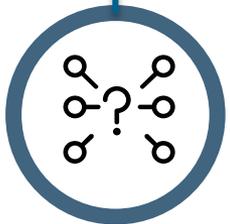


Applications for program approval, renewal, or amendment are now publicly available on VA's website at

https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_resources.asp.



California education and training institutions should forward all approval materials (e.g., applications, updates, changes, etc.) and applicable questions to: ACLApprovals.vbamus@va.gov.



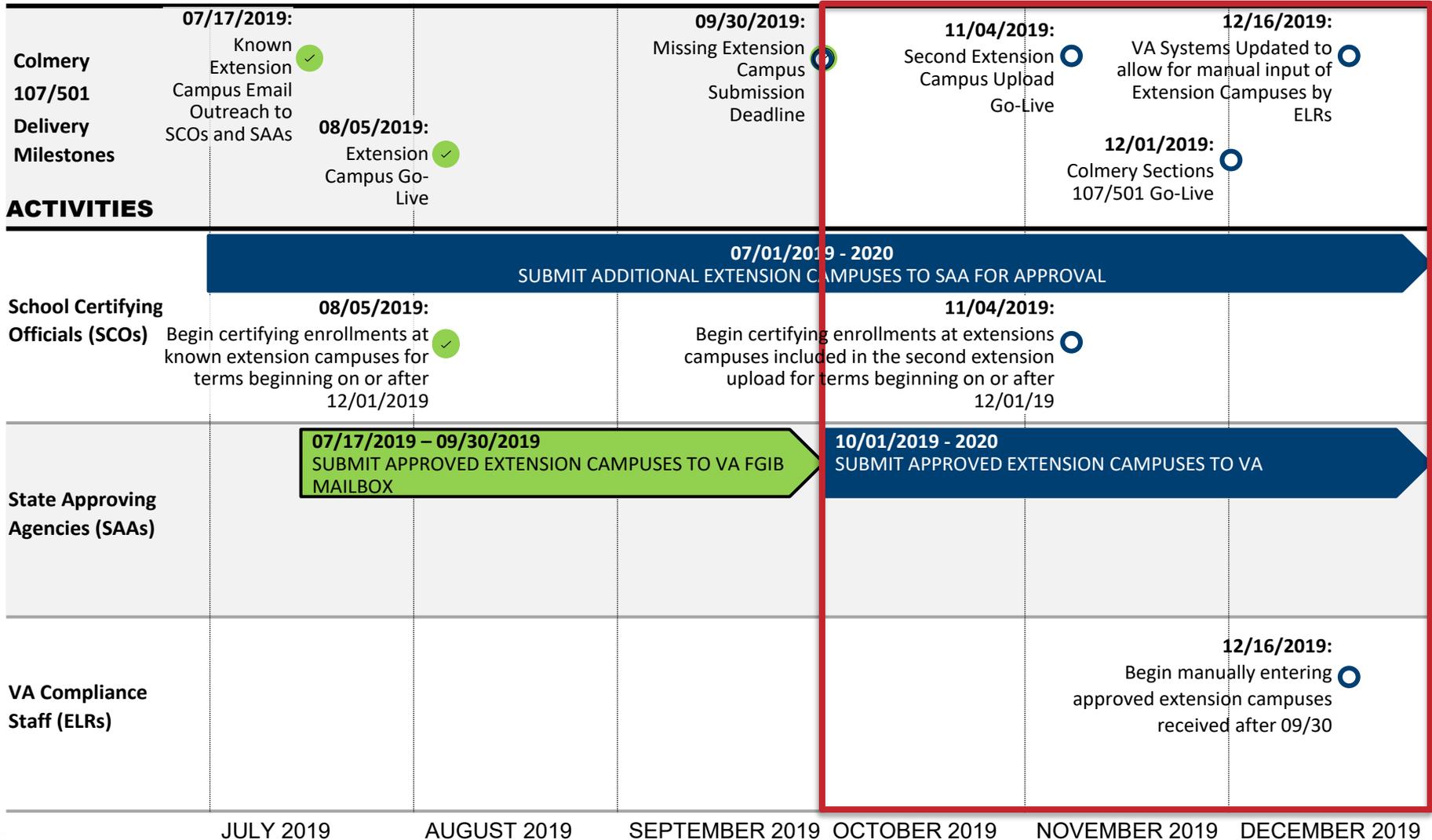
VA is establishing a direct phone line to a member of VA's SAA staff and will be offering webinars in the coming weeks to discuss the approval process and answer your questions in a group setting.



Implementation Timeline for Sections 107 & 501

MILESTONES

Focus of Today's Office Hours



JULY 2019

AUGUST 2019

SEPTEMBER 2019

OCTOBER 2019

NOVEMBER 2019

DECEMBER 2019

Second Extension Campus Upload Progress Update



What Happens After 9/30/19? | VA

Below are the key activities that will be conducted by VA over the next several weeks to process and upload the new batch of extension campuses.



VA COLMERY TEAM

- Compile and prepare the extension campus data for the second upload.
- Upload the extension campuses, releasing them for availability on 11/04/19.



VA EDUCATION COMPLIANCE STAFF

- ELRs will continue normal processes and procedures for main and branch campuses in VA systems.
- On 12/16/2019, ELRS will begin entering approved extension campuses into WEAMS that were not included in the 11/04/19 load. ELRs will input extension campuses using the same process for newly approved main or branch campuses.



Below are the key activities that will be conducted by SAAs and SCOs over the next several weeks to utilize extension campuses.



STATE APPROVING AGENCIES

- Continue to review and approve extension, main or branch campuses as they are submitted by SCOs.
- Submit approved campuses and approval letters to VA using the standard submission process.



SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIALS

- Continue to certify enrollments to available extension campuses for terms beginning on or after 12/01/2019 to the physical location where the beneficiary is attending their courses.
- If your extension campus is not available, work with your SAA to gain approval of your extension campus and certify the enrollment to the associated main or branch campus.
- **If your extension campus is unavailable and an enrollment is certified at the associated main or branch campus, DO NOT recertify this enrollment until further instruction is provided from VA.**



Certifying at Extension Campuses

REMINDER!

- For any enrollments at extension campuses beginning **prior to 12/01/2019**, certify the enrollment at the associated main or branch campus and track these enrollments for future recertification.
- The VA-ONCE system will prevent you from submitting terms with a begin date prior to 12/01/19.
- VA will work with institutions on the recertification process and distribute this guidance once available.
- Further instruction on how to recertify enrollments for terms beginning 8/01/2018 to 12/01/2019 that were initially certified at the associated main or branch campus will be included in this guidance.
- **Even if your extension campus is made available after 12/16/2019, DO NOT recertify these enrollments.**



Certifying at Extension Campuses | Scenarios

For enrollments with terms beginning on or after 12/01/2019, certify the enrollment using the process outlined below.

SCENARIO

My extension campus already exists in VA-ONCE

My extension campus was part of the second extension campus upload spreadsheet

My extension campus was not part of the second extension campus upload spreadsheet

WHAT TO DO



Certify the enrollment at the extension campus.



Certify the enrollment at the extension campus, once it is available in VA systems on 11/04/2019.



Work with your SAA to determine the approval status of your extension campus.

****Note: The list of extension campuses that VA has on file will be made available once complete.****



Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some key questions and answers related to the timing and availability of extension campuses in VA systems.



Q: My SAA submitted an approved extension campus for my school on the Second Upload Spreadsheet. When will this campus be available in VA Systems for me to certify enrollments?



A: November 4, 2019.



Q: I submitted an extension campus to my SAA for approval after 09/30. When is the earliest that this campus will be available in VA systems for me to certify enrollments?



A: Soon after December 16, 2019. ELRs will input extension campuses in the same process used for newly approved main or branch campuses.



Q: I'm unsure of the status of a submitted extension campus. What should I do?



A: Contact your SAA to understand if the extension campus has been approved and if it was included in the second upload spreadsheet.



Q: On 11/04, one of my extension campuses is not in VA systems. What should I do?



A: Contact your SAA and/or ELR to understand if the extension campus was approved and submitted to VA.

Next Steps



Colmery Sections 107 & 501: What's Coming Up*



SEPTEMBER 2019

- Campus Definition Reference Guide.



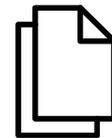
OCTOBER 2019

- Communications Toolkit Overview Video.
- VA-ONCE: Entering Tuition & Fees.
- Refresher: Graduate Non-Standard Terms.



NOVEMBER 2019

- Viewing Extension Campuses in GI Bill Comparison Tool.
- Viewing Extension Campuses in WEAMS Public.
- Policy Clarification: Study Abroad.



DECEMBER 2019

- VA-ONCE: Copying Bio Information.
- VA-ONCE: Certifying Enrollments at Multiple Facility Codes.
- Post Go-Live 107 & 501 "Office Hours."

*Topics and delivery timeframes are subject to change.

THANK YOU:

To all SAAs and SCOs for your continued diligence in the submission of additional extension campuses to VA and continued collaboration with VA to ensure GI Bill Beneficiaries receive the benefits they have earned.