

Veterans Benefits Transitions Act Policy

I. **PURPOSE**

Villanova University is committed to compliance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, Section 3679 of Title 38, United States Code. This policy prohibits the penalties described below for any Covered Individuals during the period when disbursement of funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is pending.

II. **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all Covered Individuals, as defined below.

III. **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this policy, the following definitions apply:

“Covered Individuals” means all students entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, (VR&E), or Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill.

“SCO” means the School Certifying Official.

“VA” means the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

IV. **POLICY STATEMENT**

In accordance with Title 38 United States Code Section 3679(e), Villanova University will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a Covered Individual borrow additional funds, on any Covered Individual because of the Covered Individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to Villanova University due to the delayed disbursement of funding from the VA under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33.

Covered Individuals should provide to the School Certifying Official (SCO) Amy Rockwell, email: veterans@villanova.edu or 610-519-4213, no later than the first day of a course of education, a certification of eligibility for entitlement to education assistance. A certificate of eligibility can also include a statement of benefits obtained from the VA website [ebenefits](http://ebenefits.va.gov), or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes.

This policy applies during the period beginning when a certification of eligibility is provided to the SCO (no later than the first day of a course of education) and ending on the earlier of one of the below dates:

1. The date on which payment from the VA is made to Villanova University.
2. 90 days after the date Villanova University certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

V. **RELATED INFORMATION/FORMS**

(Additional policies/form/or information pertinent to the policy)

VI. **HISTORY**

Effective October 7, 2020

VII. **RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/ DEPARTMENT**

Office of Veterans and Military Service Members Kennedy Hall 205
Villanova, PA 19085
610-519-4034

VIII. **RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT**

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