

Institutional Policy on Title 38 USC 3679(e) Compliance

Policy Statement: Lenoir-Rhyne University is committed to complying with Title 38 USC 3679(e) and ensuring that individuals who are beneficiaries of Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill) are able to attend or participate in educational programs without penalty while awaiting payment from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Scope: This policy applies to all students at Lenoir-Rhyne University who are beneficiaries under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 and who provide a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or a Statement of Benefits from the VA.

Policy Details:

1) Provision of Documentation:

- a) Students who are beneficiaries of Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 must provide Lenoir-Rhyne University with a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or a Statement of Benefits from the VA no later than the first day of classes.

2) Pending VA Payment:

- a) Upon receipt of the COE or Statement of Benefits, Lenoir-Rhyne University will permit the student to attend or participate in an approved course(s) of education without imposing any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or requiring the student to borrow additional funds, for 90 calendar days from the date the facility correctly bills the VA for tuition and fees.

3) Additional Requirements:

- a) Lenoir-Rhyne University may require the student to:
 - i) Submit a written request to use such entitlement.
 - ii) b. Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by Lenoir-Rhyne University.

4) Tuition and Fees:

- a) Lenoir-Rhyne University will not impose any penalties or late fees on the student due to the delayed disbursement of funding from the VA under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33.

5) Communication and Support:

- a) Lenoir-Rhyne University will provide information and support to assist Chapter 31 and Chapter 33 beneficiaries in understanding their benefits and the requirements of this policy.

Compliance and Responsibilities:

- It is the responsibility of the Veterans Affairs School Certifying Official to ensure that this policy is communicated to eligible students and to facilitate the necessary documentation and processing in accordance with Title 38 USC 3679(e).

Review and Amendments:

- This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure ongoing compliance with federal regulations and to support the needs of our veteran students.

Effective Date:

- This policy is effective as of May 15, 2024.

Contact Information: For any questions or further assistance, please contact: Veterans Affairs School Certifying Official at Lenoir-Rhyne University studentveteranservices@lr.edu

This policy ensures compliance with Title 38 USC 3679(e) by allowing eligible students to participate in educational programs while awaiting VA payments, without incurring penalties or fees. It outlines the necessary steps and responsibilities to maintain this compliance and support the affected students.



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