based upon the qualifying period of dis-
ability, and determined as follows:
(1) If the veteran is in training in a
course organized on a term, quarter or
semester basis, his or her extended pe-
riod of eligibility shall contain the
same number of days as the number of
days from the date during the veteran’s
original delimiting period that his or
her training became medically infeas-
able to the earliest of the following
dates:
(i) The commencing date of the ordi-
nary term, quarter or semester fol-
lowing the day the veteran’s training
became medically feasible,
(ii) The veteran’s delimiting date as
determined by §21.5041 of this part, or
(iii) The date the veteran resumed
training.
(2) If the veteran is training in a
course not organized on a term, quar-
ter or semester basis, his or her ex-
tended period of eligibility shall con-
tain the same number of days as the
number of days from the date during
the veteran’s original delimiting period
that his or her training became medi-
cally infeasible to the earlier of the fol-
lowing dates:
(i) The date the veteran’s training be-
came medically feasible, or
(ii) The veteran’s delimiting date as
determined by §21.5041 of this part.

§ 21.5052 Contribution requirements.
(a) Minimum period of participation.
Each individual who agrees to partici-
pate must do so for a minimum period
of 12 consecutive months, unless the
participant:
(1) Is allowed to disenroll for hard-
ship reasons;
(2) Is permitted to suspend participa-
tion for hardship reasons;
(3) Is discharged or released from ac-
tive duty;
(4) Otherwise ceases to be legally eli-
gible to participate; or
(5) Elects to make a lump-sum con-
tribution which, when taken together
with his or her other contributions,
equals the equivalent of at least 12
months’ participation.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3221, 3222)
(b) Amount of monthly contribution.
The individual shall specify the
amount of his or her contribution to
the fund.
(1) The contribution shall be at least
$25 per month but not more than $100
per month.
(2) The contribution shall be evenly
divided by five. See §21.5292 for con-
tributions made during the 1-year pilot
program.
(c) Amount of total contribution. An in-
dividual may contribute for the num-
ber of months required to reach a total
contribution of $2,700.
(d) Changing the monthly contribution.
The individual may increase or decrease
the amount of the monthly contribu-
tion, but may not do so more than once
a month.
(e) Prohibition against contributing. An
individual may not make contributions
to the fund after the date of his or her
discharge. The VA does not consider
the return of an unnegotiated refund
check to be a contribution. A person

Participation
§ 21.5050 Application requirements for
participation.
(a) An individual, who is otherwise
eligible to become a participant, must
apply to the Service Department under
which he or she serves upon forms
prescribed by the Service Department and/
or Secretary of Defense.
(b) No application to participate may
be made before entry upon active duty.
(c) Each application must be sub-
mitted in time to permit the Service
Department to make the required de-
duction from the individual’s military
pay for at least 1 month before the ap-
plicant’s discharge or release from ac-
tive duty.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3221)