

outlined in the proposed rule. Therefore, we are making no changes in this final rule.

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, it is hereby certified that this final rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because this rule applies to Federal agencies. This final rule does not have any federalism implications.

List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 1228

Archives and records.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, NARA amends chapter XII of title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 1228—DISPOSITION OF FEDERAL RECORDS

■ 1. The authority for Part 1228 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. chs. 21, 29, and 33.

■ 2. Amend § 1228.152 by revising the entry in the table for item (2)(ii) to read as follows:

§ 1228.152 Under what conditions may Federal records be stored in records storage facilities?

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Type of record	Conditions
(2) * * * * *	(i) * * * * * (ii) Also requires prior notification to NARA (see § 1228.154(b)).

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■ 3. Amend § 1228.154 by revising paragraphs (b) and (c)(1)(vii) to read as follows:

§ 1228.154 What requirements must an agency meet when it transfers records to a records storage facility?

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(b) To transfer unscheduled records, notify NARA (NWML) in writing prior to the transfer. The notification must identify the records storage facility and include a copy of the information required by paragraph (c) of this section.

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(c) * * * * *
(1) * * * * *

(vii) Citation to NARA-approved schedule or agency records disposition manual (unscheduled records must cite the date the agency notified NARA or,

if available, the date the SF 115 was submitted to NARA);

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Dated: December 9, 2004.

John W. Carlin,

Archivist of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-AM08

Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: By statute, the monthly rates of basic educational assistance payable under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty program must be adjusted each fiscal year. In accordance with the statutory formula, the regulations governing rates of basic educational assistance payable under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty program for Fiscal Year 2005 (October 1, 2004, through September 30, 2005) are changed to show a 2% increase in these rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective December 15, 2004.

Applicability Date: The changes in rates are applied retroactively to October 1, 2004 to conform to statutory requirements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the formula mandated by 38 U.S.C. 3015(h), the Secretary must increase the full-time rates of basic educational assistance payable under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB) program each fiscal year. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 the increase is 2%, which is the percentage by which the total of the monthly Consumer Price Index-W for July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, exceeds the total of the monthly Consumer Price Index-W for July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. The Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 amended 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) to provide that during FY 2005 through FY 2013, the Secretary must round down the increased rate to the next lower whole dollar. The full-time basic

educational assistance rates in this document at 38 CFR 21.7136(b)(1), (c)(1), and 38 CFR 21.7137(a)(1) are rounded down to the nearest dollar.

It should be noted that 2% increase does not affect all educational assistance payable under the MGIB. The 2% increase applies only to the basic educational assistance rate. The increase does not apply to additional amounts payable by the Secretary of Defense to individuals with skills or a specialty in which there is a critical shortage of personnel (so-called “kickers”). Veterans who previously had eligibility under the Veterans’ Educational Assistance program (Vietnam Era GI Bill) receive monthly payments that are in part based upon basic educational assistance and in part based upon the rates payable under the Vietnam Era GI Bill. Only that portion attributable to basic educational assistance is increased. In addition, the increase does not apply to additional amounts payable for dependents.

38 U.S.C. 3015(a) and (b) require that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pay part-time students at appropriately reduced rates. Since the first student became eligible for assistance under the MGIB in 1985, VA has paid three-quarter-time students and one-half-time students at 75% and 50% of the full-time institutional rate, respectively. Students pursuing a program of education at less than one-half but more than one-quarter time have had their payments limited to 50% or less of the full-time institutional rate. Similarly, students pursuing a program of education at one-quarter time or less have had their payments limited to 25% or less of the full-time institutional rate. Changes are made consistent with the authority and formula described in this paragraph.

In addition, since 38 U.S.C. 3032(c) requires that monthly rates payable to veterans in apprenticeship or other on-the-job training must be set at a given percentage of the full-time rate, the apprenticeship or on-the-job training rates have been accordingly increased effective October 1, 2004.

The changes set forth in this final rule are effective from the date of publication, but the changes in the rates are applied in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions discussed above. Thus, the Department of Veterans Affairs began paying the increased rates for training pursued after September 30, 2004.

Administrative Procedure Act

Changes made by this final rule merely reflect statutory requirements and adjustments made based on

previously established formulas. Accordingly, there is a basis for dispensing with prior notice and comment and delayed effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, are not applicable to this rule, because a notice of proposed rulemaking is not required for this rule. Even so the Secretary of Veterans Affairs hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This final rule directly affects only individuals and does not directly affect small entities. Therefore, this final rule is also exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b) from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before developing any rule that may result in expenditure by State, local, or tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any given year. This rule would have no such effect on State, local, or tribal governments, or the private sector.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance numbers for the program affected by this final rule is 64.124.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21

Administrative practice and procedure, Armed Forces, Civil rights, Claims, Colleges and universities, Conflict of interests, Defense Department, Education, Employment, Grant programs-education, Grant programs-veterans, Health programs, Loan programs-education, Loan programs-veterans, Manpower training programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans,

Vocational education, Vocational Rehabilitation.

Approved: December 7, 2004.

Anthony J. Principi,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

■ For the reasons set out above, 38 CFR part 21 (subpart K) is amended as follows:

PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

Subpart K—All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty)

■ 1. The authority citation for part 21, subpart K, continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), chs. 30, 36, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 21.7136 is amended by:
■ a. Removing paragraphs (b)(4) through (b)(9), and (c)(4) through (c)(9).
■ b. Revising paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(3).

The revisions read as follows:

§ 21.7136 Rates of payment of basic educational assistance.

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(b) *Rates.* (1) Except as elsewhere provided in this section or in § 21.7139, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable for training that occurs after September 30, 2004, to a veteran whose service is described in paragraph (a) of this section, is the rate stated in the following table:

Training	Monthly rate
Full time	\$1004.00
¾ time	753.00
½ time	502.00
Less than ½ but more than ¼	502.00
¼ time	251.00

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

(2) If a veteran’s service is described in paragraph (a) of this section, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to the veteran for pursuit of apprenticeship or other on-the-job training that occurs after September 30, 2004, is the rate stated in the following table:

Training period	Monthly rate
First six months of training	\$753.00
Second six months of training	552.20
Remaining pursuit of training	351.40

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015, 3032(c).)

(3) If a veteran’s service is described in paragraph (a) of this section, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to the veteran for pursuit of a cooperative course is \$1004.00 for training that occurs after September 30, 2004. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

(c) * * *

(1) Except as elsewhere provided in this section or in § 21.7139, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to a veteran for training that occurs after September 30, 2004 is the rate stated in the following table:

Training	Monthly rate
Full time	\$816.00
¾ time	612.00
½ time	408.00
Less than ½ but more than ¼	408.00
¼ time or less	204.00

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

(2) The monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to a veteran for pursuit of apprenticeship or other on-the-job training that occurs after September 30, 2004 is the rate stated in the following table:

Training period	Monthly rate
First six months of training	\$612.00
Second six months of training	448.80
Remaining pursuit of training	285.60

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015, 3032(c).)

(3) The monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to a veteran for pursuit of a cooperative course is \$816.00 for training that occurs after September 30, 2004.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

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■ 3. Section 21.7137 is amended by:
■ a. Removing paragraphs (a)(4) through (a)(9).
■ b. Revising paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (c).

The revisions read as follows:

§ 21.7137 Rates of payment of basic educational assistance for individuals with remaining entitlement under 38 U.S.C. chapter 34.

(a) Minimum rates. (1) Except as elsewhere provided in this section, the monthly rate of basic educational assistance for training that occurs after September 30, 2004 is the rate stated in the following table:

Training	Monthly rate			
	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	Additional for each additional dependent
Full time	\$1,192.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,259.00	\$16.00
¾ time	894.50	921.00	944.50	12.00
½ time	596.00	614.00	629.50	8.50
Less than ½ but more than ¼ time	596.00	596.00	596.00	0
¼ time or less	298.00	298.00	298.00	0

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

(2) For veterans pursuing apprenticeship or other on-the-job training, the monthly rate of basic

educational assistance for training that occurs after September 30, 2004 is the rate stated in the following table:

Training	Monthly rate			
	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	Additional for each additional dependent
1st six months of pursuit of program	\$855.75	\$868.13	\$879.00	\$5.25
2nd six months of pursuit of program	608.58	617.93	625.63	3.85
3rd six months of pursuit of program	375.20	381.33	386.05	2.45
Remaining pursuit of program	363.30	369.08	374.33	2.45

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

(3) The monthly rate of basic educational assistance payable to a veteran who is pursuing a cooperative

course after September 30, 2004, is the rate stated in the following table:

Monthly rate			
No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	Additional for each additional dependent
\$1192.00	\$1228.00	\$1259.00	\$16.00

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

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(c) *Rates for servicemembers.* The monthly rate of basic educational assistance for a servicemember may not exceed the lesser of the following rates (except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section):

- (1) The monthly pro-rated cost of the course.
- (2) The following monthly rates for training that occurs after September 30, 2004—
 - (i) \$1,192.00 for full-time training;
 - (ii) \$894.50 for three-quarter-time training;
 - (iii) \$596.00 for one-half-time training and training that is less than one-half-time training but more than one-quarter-time training; and
 - (iv) \$298.00 for one-quarter-time training.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3015.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[R06-OAR-2004-LA-0001; FRL-7847-8]

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Delegation of Authority to Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule; delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has submitted updated regulations for receiving delegation of EPA authority for implementation and enforcement of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for certain sources (both part 70 and non-part 70 sources). These regulations apply to certain NESHAPs promulgated by EPA, as amended through July 1, 2003, for 40 CFR part 63 standards. The delegation of authority under this notice

does not apply to sources located in Indian Country. EPA is providing notice that it has approved delegation of certain NESHAPs to LDEQ by letter on October 18, 2004.

DATES: This rule is effective on October 18, 2004, without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse comment by January 13, 2005. If EPA receives such comment, EPA will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public that this rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Regional Material in EDocket (RME) ID No. R06-OAR-2004-LA-0001, by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Agency Web site: <http://docket.epa.gov/rmepub/>. Regional Material in EdoCKET (RME), EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. Once in the