

convene a closed session in order to protect patient privacy as the Committee tours the VA Health Care System. In the afternoon from 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., the Committee will reconvene as the Committee is briefed by senior Veterans Benefits Administration staff from the Albuquerque Regional Benefit Office. From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Committee will convene a closed session in order to protect patient records as the Committee tours the Regional Benefit office.

On the morning of April 12 from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Committee will convene in open session at the Santa Fe National Cemetery followed by a tour of the cemetery. The Committee will meet with key staff to discuss services, benefits, delivery challenges and successes. In the evening, the Committee will hold a Veterans Town Hall meeting beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

On the morning of April 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Committee will convene in open session at the New Mexico Health Care System to conduct an exit briefing with leadership from the New Mexico Health Care System, Albuquerque Regional Benefit Office, and Santa Fe National Cemetery. In the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Committee will work on drafting recommendations for the annual report to the Secretary.

Portions of these visits are closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Exemption 6 permits to Committee to close those portions of a meeting that is likely to disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. During the closed sessions the Committee will discuss VA beneficiary and patient information in which there is a clear unwarranted invasion of the Veteran or beneficiary privacy.

Time will be allocated for receiving public comments on April 13, at 10 a.m.

Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come first serve basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit a 1–2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official record. The Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda, as well as other issues affecting minority Veterans. Such comments should be sent to Ms. Juanita Mullen, Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, Center for Minority Veterans (00M), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, or email at Juanita.Mullen@va.gov. For additional information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Juanita Mullen at (202) 461–6199.

Dated: March 23, 2017.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Increase in Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts Payable Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the increase in the Post-9/11 GI Bill maximum tuition and fee amounts payable and the increase in the amount used to determine an individual’s entitlement charge for reimbursement of a licensing, certification, or national test for the 2017–2018 academic year (August 1, 2017–July 31, 2018).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Schnell Carraway, Management and Program Analyst, Education Service (225C), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone: (202) 461–9800. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the 2016–2017 academic year (August 1, 2016–July 31, 2017), the Post-9/11 GI Bill allowed VA to pay the actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed the in-state amounts for students pursuing training at public schools: \$21,970.46 for students training at private and foreign schools, \$12,554.55 for students training at vocational flight schools, and \$10,671.35 for students training at correspondence schools. Additionally, the entitlement charge for individuals receiving reimbursement of costs to take a licensing, certification, or national test was one month (rounded to the nearest whole month) for each \$1,832.96 received.

Sections 3313, 3315, and 3315A of title 38, United States Code, direct VA to increase the maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement-charge amounts each academic year (begins August 1st) based on the most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h). The percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) is effective October 1st of each year. The most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) was a 3.8% increase, which was effective October 1, 2016.

The maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement-charge amounts for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill beginning after July 31, 2017, and before August 1, 2018, are listed below. VA’s calculations for the 2017–2018 academic year are based on the 3.8% increase.

2017–2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Type of school	Actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed
Post-9/11 GI Bill Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts	
PUBLIC	In-State/Resident Charges.
PRIVATE/FOREIGN	\$22,805.34.
VOCATIONAL FLIGHT	\$13,031.61.
CORRESPONDENCE	\$11,076.86.
Post 9/11 entitlement charge amount for tests	
Licensing and certification tests	VA will charge one month entitlement (rounded to the nearest whole, National Tests. non-zero, month) for each \$1,902.61 received.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication

electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrissee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on March 17, 2017, for publication.

Dated: March 17, 2017.

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Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary,
Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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