

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit groups, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,436,100.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 29 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,529,328.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number.

Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Desired Focus of Comments: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including using appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., by permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the ICR for OMB approval of the extension of the information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: April 2, 2019.

R. Joseph Durbala,

IRS Tax Analyst.

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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 2019–2020 academic year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rodney Hopkins, 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 2019–2020 academic year, the Post-9/11 GI Bill allows 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; \$24,476.79 for student training at private and foreign schools; \$13,986.72 for student training at vocational flight schools; and \$11,888.70 for student training at correspondence schools. In addition, the entitlement charge for individuals receiving reimbursement of the costs associated with taking a licensing, certification, or national test will be pro-rated based on the actual amount of the fee charged for the test relative to the rate of \$2,042.06 for one month. The maximum reimbursable amount for a licensing or certification test will be \$2000. There will be no maximum reimbursable amount for national tests.

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 (beginning on August 1st) based on the most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h). The most recent percentage increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h) was 3.4 percent, which was effective on October 1, 2018.

The maximum tuition and fee payments and entitlement charge amounts for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill beginning after July 31, 2019, and before August 1, 2020 are listed below. VA's calculations for the 2019–2020 academic year are based on the 3.4 percent increase.

2019–2020 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	\$24,476.79.
VOCATIONAL FLIGHT	\$13,986.72.
CORRESPONDENCE	\$11,888.70.
Post-9/11 Entitlement Charge Amount for Tests	
LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION TESTS	Entitlement will be pro-rated based on the actual amount of the fee charged for the test relative to the rate of \$2,042.06 for one month. The maximum reimbursable amount for a licensing or certification test is \$2000.
NATIONAL TESTS	Entitlement will be pro-rated based on the actual amount of the fee charged for the test relative to the rate of \$2,042.06 for one month. There is no maximum reimbursable amount for national tests.

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. Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on April 3, 2019, for publication.

Dated: April 4, 2019.

Luvenia Potts,

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