



Veterans In-State Tuition, BP 5.010

1. Purpose

To ensure compliance with Section 1005 of the Isakson and Roe Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (PL 116-315), which is an update to Section 3679(c) of title 38, United States Code, including PL 115-251, also known as the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act) which requires the Department of Veteran Affairs to disapprove programs of education for payment of benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30), and Veterans Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31) at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the In-State rate.

2. Scope

This policy applies to any qualifying veteran and qualifying dependents of veterans (children/spouses).

3. Prerequisites

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs established requirements to ensure that our Nation's recently discharged Veterans, and their eligible family members, would not have to bear the cost of Out-of-State charges while using their well-deserved education benefits. The State of Michigan submitted policy language which was approved and adopted by the VA for public institutions of higher education that offer VA approved programs.

To remain compliant and approved to receive VA's GI Bill programs funding, schools must charge In-State tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A "covered individual" is defined in Section 1005 of Public Law 116-3151 as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher education is located (regardless of their formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school regardless of when they discharged from military service.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lived in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of their formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school regardless of when the military member discharged from military service.
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located

(regardless of their formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school regardless of when the military member died in the line of duty.

Any individual using VA Educational Benefits under Chapter 30, Chapter 31, Chapter 33, Chapter 35, or the Fry Scholarship and who lives in the State of Michigan while attending Lansing Community College, regardless of their former state of residence, and regardless of when they or the military member was discharged from military service, will pay In-State tuition rates for all VA approved programs.

4. Responsibilities

The responsibility for the interpretation and admission is delegated to the Registrar or designee.

5. Procedure

Registrar will update tuition based on the student's qualification as a veteran or qualification as a dependent of a veteran (children/spouses).

6. Reference

LCC Veteran & Military Stars – [Veterans Services webpage](#)

7. Definitions

N/A



Standard Operating Procedure

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If yes, identify: [5.010 - Veterans/Dependents In-State Tuition](#)

Board policies can be found at: [LCC Board of Trustees Policy Page](#)

***Does this procedure support HLC criteria? Yes**

If yes, identify: [2A, 2B](#)

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If yes, identify: [VA Educational Assistance Benefits](#)

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