

POLICY TITLE: VETERANS IN-STATE TUITION

I. Purpose

This policy is adopted in order to comply with Section 702 of 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 and Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty at public institutions of higher learning if the schools charge qualifying Veterans and dependents tuition and fees in excess of the in-state rate for students.

II. Scope

This policy is effective July 1, 2015 and applies to any qualifying Veteran and their eligible covered individuals.

III. General

Section 702 Choice Act

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs established new 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 approved for VA's GI Bill programs, schools must charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A "covered individual" is defined in the Choice Act as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
- 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 his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member's death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

Summary

Any individual using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty Program), Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®), of title 38, United States Code, and/or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David

Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b) (9)) who lives in the State of Michigan while attending Lansing Community College, regardless of his/her formal state of residence” will pay in-state tuition rates for all VA approved programs.

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