

# Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits, Tuition and Fees

Title 38 United States Code Section 3679(e) School Compliance Policy

As part of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38, the University of Alaska Fairbanks complies with the requirements as outlined below:

Note: A Covered Individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits.

- UAF permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to UAF Department of Military and Veteran Services a Certificate of Eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 33, a Statement of Benefits from the VA.gov (<https://www.va.gov/education/>) website, or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31, and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
  - The date on which payment from the Veterans Benefits Administration (VA) is made to UAF.
  - 90 days after the date UAF certified tuition and fees following receipt of the Certificate of Eligibility.
  - UAF will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to UAF due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33.

In addition, the statute allows UAF to require Chapter 31 and Chapter 33 students to take the following additional actions:

1. Submit a Certificate of Eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance no later than the first day of a course of education.
2. Submit a written request, Certification Request Form (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/educational-benefits/forms.php>), authorizing UAF to charge the entitlement.
3. Provide additional information as necessary to UAF for the proper certification of enrollment to the VA.
4. Make payment for a difference between the amount of the student's financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefits disbursement.

UAF will hold a student responsible for any portion of tuition and other fees not covered by the VA by the published fee payment deadlines. A late fee may be assessed for account balances not covered by the VA education benefit disbursement. UAF Housing, Parking, Dining and other elective fees are not included in the deferred payment for tuition and fees. Students may contact the UAF Office of the Bursar to discuss available payment options if needed.

If students do not turn in a Certificate of Eligibility, or Statement of Benefits, and/or Certification Request Form (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/>

[educational-benefits/forms.php](https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/educational-benefits/forms.php)) by the first day of class, a late fee may be assessed.

VA payment reversals are due within five business days. Balances over \$300 are subject to late fee assessment.

VA Chapter 30 and 35 students will follow standard student guidelines for payment or payment arrangements by the fee payment deadline.

UAF requires a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA in order to post an Expected (estimated) VA payment to your student account. In addition, UAF requires a Certification Request Form (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/educational-benefits/forms.php>) for each semester you wish to use VA Education Benefits. Without the initial Certificate of Eligibility, a Certification Request Form (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/educational-benefits/forms.php>) each semester, or a Certification Adjustment Form (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/educational-benefits/forms.php>) if changes are made to an already certified class schedule, you may need to make payment arrangements with the UAF Office of the Bursar before the required fee payment deadlines.

For more information, contact the Department of Military and Veteran Services at UAF-VA@alaska.edu or visit the DMVS website (<https://www.uaf.edu/veterans/>). Walk-ins are welcome at one of their respective locations:

- Troth Yeddha' Campus, 1732 Tanana Loop, Rasmuson Library Room 404, 907-474-7400
- Eielson Air Force Base, 2631 Wabash Avenue, Room 204, 907-377-1396
- Fort Wainwright, 4391 Neely Road, Room 137, 907-356-3826

*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).*