

Veterans Benefits & Transition Act of 2018 Compliance Policy

(per United States Code section 3679 of title 38)

In compliance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38, NDSCS will permit 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 the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

1. The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
2. 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

NOTE: A covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill™ benefits.

NDSCS 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 the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

NDSCS requires payment for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student’s financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement. If NDSCS has not received the VA education benefit disbursement prior to the start of the subsequent semester, enrollment may be delayed until payment is received.