University Catalog Addenda

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Office of Military Services

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

Pursuant to the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679 of title 38, United States Code, effective August 1, 2019 George Mason University 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, when the delay is due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Mason will permit any covered individual to attend or participate in their 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 [https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage], 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 Mason certifies tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

Mason requires covered individuals 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 to use such entitlement.
3. Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.

Students are responsible for additional payment(s) or the payment of fees for the difference between the amount of the financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement in the following cases:

1. The covered individual will receive less than 100% tuition reimbursement based on the Certificate of Eligibility or written request of entitlement provided by the covered individual, or

A hold or late fee may be assessed if timely payment is not made in the following cases:

1. A covered individual fails to make timely payments for balances incurred for housing, meal plans, or other fees or charges that are not eligible for payment by the Veterans Administration