

VA BENEFIT DISBURSEMENT DELAYS

Any covered individual wishing to attend classes using their GI BILL™ or VOC Rehab are covered under Title 38 United States Code Section 3679(e). 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.

Any covered individual that wishes to attend LeaderQuest courses or programs 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.

Delay of disbursement from the VA will not impose any penalty on the covered individual, 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.

In order to proceed with the educational requirement prior to receipt of VA disbursement, covered individuals are required to:

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 in the form of a LeaderQuest enrollment packet.
3. Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.

If the VA disbursement is paid and there is a shortfall of funds, an additional payment in the amount of the shortfall will need to be made to the school in a timely manner worked out between LeaderQuest and the covered individual. This payment will only be equal to the original amount minus the VA disbursement received and no further penalty will be administered.