

Eligible Veterans

Section 116 of Public Law 115-48 requires that Veterans meet the following criteria in order to be eligible to receive tuition and fees and Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payments under the VET TEC Pilot Program:

- The student must be a Veteran.
 - Active Duty Servicemembers, recipients of Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) benefits, and recipients of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) are not eligible for the VET TEC Pilot Program.
- The Veteran must be entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 30, 32, 33, 34 or 35 of Title 38, United States Code (USC), or Chapter 1606 or 1607 of Title 10 USC.
- The Veteran must independently apply through the Department. If found eligible, the Veteran will receive a VET TEC specific Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the Department.
- The Veteran must be attending the program on a **Full-Time** basis as defined by the program's published program description or catalog.

VA Payments

Section 116 of Public Law 115-48 authorizes the Department to pay:

- All mandatory tuition and fee costs charged by the Facility, which are paid directly to the Facility, as outlined in the Payment Schedule provided below.
- A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is paid by the Department directly to the Veteran depending on if they are attending in-residence or online and is always paid in arrears.

VA Payment Schedule

Section 116 of Public Law 115-48 authorizes the Department to pay mandatory tuition and fees to the Facility based on the following schedule:

- **25%** of the submitted tuition and fees will be paid upon the initial enrollment of the Veteran.
 - The Veteran must attend at least one day of class in order to meet the Department's definition of "initial enrollment".
- **25%** of the submitted tuition and fees will be paid upon the Veteran's completion of the program.

- “Successful completion of the program” means that the student has completed all required training and has received a graduation certificate from the Facility.
- **50%** of the submitted tuition and fees will be paid once the Veteran has found meaningful employment.
 - The Department defines “meaningful employment” as:
 - Traditional employment in a career supported by the completed program of study.
 - Promotion in the Veteran’s current career if the Veteran is currently employed in a career supported by the completed program of study.
 - Self-Employment if the Veteran owns or operates a business and is utilizing the skills obtained through the completion of the program of study.
 - The Veteran must find meaningful employment within 180 days of successfully completing the program in order for the Department to release the final tuition and fees payment to the Facility. In order for the Department to release the final tuition and fees payment, both the Veteran and Facility will need to certify that the Veteran has achieved meaningful employment.
 - If the Veteran finds meaningful employment after 180 days, but not to exceed 1 year, after successfully completing the program and had extenuating circumstance (health issues, hospitalization, childbirth, bereavement, called to active duty, etc.), the Department will evaluate such circumstance on a case-by-case basis and may still release the final tuition and fees payment.
- **Payments made under the VET TEC Pilot Program are conditional based on the availability of funds.**
- **Training Providers cannot charge the Veteran tuition and fees with the intent to refund future VET TEC tuition and fees payments to the student. Payments will be made, by VA, at the identified VET TEC milestones.**