

VA Entitlement Benefits and Satisfactory Standards for Veterans

Failure to Maintain Standards of Attendance, Progress, or Conduct will result in the discontinuance of education benefits. VA requires the discontinuance of educational benefits paid to a student when the student's attendance, progress, or conduct is unsatisfactory according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of HCU. When a student has failed to maintain the prescribed standard of attendance, progress, or conduct, HCU must notify VA within 30 days of the determination so that VA can discontinue benefit payments in accordance with the law.

(a) *Satisfactory pursuit of program.* Entitlement to benefits for a program of education is subject to the requirement that the veteran or eligible person, having commenced the pursuit of such program, continues to maintain satisfactory progress. If the veteran or eligible person does not maintain satisfactory progress, educational benefits will be discontinued by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Progress is unsatisfactory if the veteran or eligible person does not satisfactorily progress according to the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution he or she is attending.

(b) *Satisfactory conduct.* Entitlement to a program of education is subject to the requirement that the veteran or eligible person, having commenced the pursuit of such program, continues to maintain satisfactory conduct in accordance with the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution in which he or she is enrolled. If the veteran or eligible person will no longer be retained as a student or will not be readmitted as a student by the institution in which he or she is enrolled, educational benefits will be discontinued, unless further development establishes that the action of the school is of a retaliatory nature.

(c) *Satisfactory attendance.* Entitlement to benefits for a program of education is subject to the requirement that the veteran or eligible person, having commenced the pursuit of such program, continues to maintain satisfactory attendance in accordance with the regularly prescribed standards and practices of the institution in which he or she is enrolled. If the veteran or eligible person will no longer be retained as a student or will not be readmitted as a student by the institution in which he or she is enrolled, educational benefits will be discontinued.

Termination Date. In situations involving unsatisfactory attendance, benefits will be discontinued based on the student's last date of attendance as reported by the school. If a student's progress or conduct becomes unsatisfactory, the termination date assigned by the school will be the last day of the term, or other evaluation period in which the student's progress or conduct became unsatisfactory.