



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 19-33

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE COURSE PROTECTION GUARANTEE UNDER THE VETERAN
BENEFITS & TRANSITION ACT OF 2018 POLICY TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC LAW 115-407 ALSO
KNOWN AS THE VETERANS BENEFITS AND TRANSITION ACT OF 2018 (TITLE 38 UNITED STATES
CODE SECTION 3679(e))**

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the governance and control of the University of Guam (UOG) is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR) of UOG;

WHEREAS, Public Law 115-407, also known as the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, amended Title 38 USC, Section 3679 (e);

WHEREAS, the amendment requires educational institutions to permit any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill (covered Individuals), 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 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;

WHEREAS, the amendment further requires educational institutions ensure that it 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree (SASARHD) Committee, in order to comply with federal law, recommends the enactment and implementation of the Course Protection Guarantee Under the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 Policy to the BOR for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR approves the Course Protection Guarantee Under the Veterans Benefits and Transitions Act of 2018 policy, effective beginning Fanuchánan 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of UOG may amend the policy not inconsistent with federal law or established BOR policy.

Adopted this 18th day of September, 2019.



Christopher K. Felix, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary

As part of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38, United States Code was amended, and educational institutions are required to comply to continue participation in the GI Bill Program.

To meet the requirements of law, the following policy is proposed.

Course Protection Guarantee under the Veteran Benefits & Transition Act of 2018

Effective January 2019, University of Guam will allow Veterans under Chapter 33, Chapter 31, and dependents under Chapter 33 TOE upon meeting matriculation requirements to remain registered in their courses without being dropped due to unpaid tuition and fees. In order to receive this benefit, students must request to use their benefits by filling out the Certification Request Form and provide a copy of their Certificate of Eligibility or approval Form 28-1905 for Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation students. The certification forms are available at the Financial Aid Office in the University of Guam Calvo fieldhouse.

It will be the student's responsibility to pay the school any remaining balance should the student register in courses that are not on his or her approved education plan, or if the student is not entitled to 100% of his or her GI Bill benefits. Students will also have the option to have any outstanding balance deducted from their Financial Aid, if available.