

## Veterans and Dependents

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Hawai'i CC is an approved educational institution for education and training under the **Veterans' Educational Assistance Act (GI Bill<sup>®</sup>)**, the **Veterans Readjustment Act**, and the **Dependents' Educational Assistance Program**. Information regarding eligibility, entitlement, and types of training authorized may be obtained from the Veterans Administration Regional Office. For more information, call 1-888-442-4551 or, visit the website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for information and to apply for benefits. For assistance with the application process, contact the campus VA Representative at (808) 934-2720.

After applying with the VA, Veterans and military-connected students wishing to activate their education benefits at the College should contact the VA Representative at Hawai'i CC, Manono Campus, at (808) 934-2720.

**Chapter 31 Disabled Veterans** may seek additional supports and services by contacting the Disability Services by phone at (808) 934-2825 [v/t], or by e-mail at [hawccds@hawaii.edu](mailto:hawccds@hawaii.edu)

**Veteran's Information:** The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs approves applications and makes decisions about eligibility, payments, and issuance of checks. Visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for more information and to **apply for benefits**. The VA pays for classes applicable to declared majors only. Veterans should review the College catalog carefully and consult with an academic advisor/counselor **before registering** to ensure that all courses apply to their intended Hawai'i Community College degree or certificate. Recipients of veterans' benefits who have attended other colleges are required to have all previous course work evaluated for possible transfer of credit. Students must submit prior transcripts to the Hawai'i CC ARO and must participate in a Veteran's Orientation to activate their educational benefits with the College. Hawai'i CC will complete a transcript evaluation and provide the student with an assessment. If credit is granted, the student's program of education will be decreased in time and cost accordingly. All records of prior education will be kept with the student's record and provided to the VA or the State Approving Agency upon request. Hawai'i CC requires participation in a Veteran's Orientation to activate their educational benefits with the college.

A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) verifies a student's eligibility for Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits. Students planning to use these benefits must obtain a COE and submit it to Hawai'i CC's Admissions and Records Office (ARO) before the first day of the semester.

Each Veteran's Affairs School Certifying Official (SCO) is responsible for certifying and monitoring Veterans' enrollment, academic progress, and other academic information.

Students receiving VA educational benefits must maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or percentage of 2.0 each semester. A VA student whose CGPA or percentage falls below 2.0 at the end of any semester will be placed on academic probation for a maximum of two consecutive terms of enrollment. If they remain in probationary status for a third consecutive term or longer, their VA benefits will be discontinued until they return to good academic standing.

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**Post 9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> (Chapter 33):** Chapter 33 payments for tuition and fees are paid directly to the College approximately six weeks after receiving certification from the campus VA School Certifying Official (SCO). Refunds due to changes in registration after the first day of the term will be sent to the student. Refunds due to non-attendance will be sent to the VA. If funds are returned to the VA because the student did not officially withdraw from the College, those students will be responsible for all tuition and fee charges incurred.

**Yellow Ribbon Program:** Hawai‘i Community College participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program. For more information, call (808) 934-2710.

**Hawai‘i National Guard Tuition Assistance:** Resident members of the Hawai‘i National Guard may be eligible for partial tuition assistance from the Department of Defense in addition to federal educational benefits. This assistance is activated through the Guard Unit.

**Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts MyCAA:** Payments are paid directly to the College. Students must bring or send a copy of their approved Financial Assistance Form to Hawai‘i CC’s Business Office at least 48 hours prior to the payment deadline. This will ensure that an invoice is sent and grades will be posted for classes into which they are registered. An updated approval form is required each semester.

If the MyCAA program does not make a payment for tuition for any reason after being billed by the College, the student will be responsible for paying any unpaid balances.

**Public Law 115-407, Sections 103 and 104:** In accordance with the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, section 3679(e) of title 38 (Public-Law 115-407), a student who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Veteran Readiness & Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits shall be permitted 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 (a “Certificate of Eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ website – eBenefits, or an authorization form for Chapter 31) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution, or
- 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the Certificate of Eligibility.

**Public Law 116-315, Section 105:** Hawai‘i CC complies with Chapter 36 of Title 38 U.S.C. § 3672(b)(2)(A) and 3675(b)(4) which requires accredited institutions to be eligible for and participate in the Federal Student Aid program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to be eligible to receive GI Bill® funds.

**Public Law 116-315, Section 1018:** Hawai‘i CC complies with Public Law 116-315, Section 1018. VA beneficiaries are provided a College Financing Plan displaying the variety of costs and financial aid options for their chosen educational program. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid office at (808) 934-2712 or [hawccfao@hawaii.edu](mailto:hawccfao@hawaii.edu) or contact the School Certifying Official at (808) 934-2710 or [hawvet@hawaii.edu](mailto:hawvet@hawaii.edu).

Hawai‘i CC complies with **Title 38 U.S.C. § 3679(e)** and will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, 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 of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under chapter 31 or 33 of this title.