Veterans Affairs Education Benefits Eligibility Policy
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Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits at Yale Law School
In order for the Yale Law School SCO (School Certifying Official) to certify students’ enrollment through the VA-Once online system, or other appropriate forms of certification, and for these students to qualify for the provision stated below, students are required to:

- Have their service records on file with the Buffalo regional office of the VA;
- Provide to the SCO, the Yale Law School Director of Financial Aid, and the Yale University Office of Student Financial Services, a Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility (or its equivalent), including eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon program, or for Chapter 31, provide the VA VR&E’s contract with the school on VA Form 28-1905, or eligibility for Chapter 35 benefits, by the first day of classes of each academic year.*
- Provide a written request to be certified (click here for the form) before the beginning of each academic year.
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies.

Enrollment certifications for students entering Yale Law School for the first time will be submitted by the SCO to the VA on matriculation, which occurs on the first day of classes in the first term of enrollment. Thereafter, continuing students’ enrollment certifications will be submitted after the students have made a preliminary selection of courses for the following term, but no earlier than 120 days before the first day of the coming term.

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), Yale Law School has adopted the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Chapter 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. Yale Law School will not:

- Prevent the student’s enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee;
- Require a student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

*Chapter 33 students may register at the VA Regional Office to use E-Benefits to get the equivalent of a Chapter 33 Certificate of Eligibility. Chapter 31 students cannot get a completed VA Form 28-1905 (or any equivalent) before the VA VR&E case-manager issues it to the school.

Information is also available at https://finaid.yale.edu/graduate-aid/military-benefits