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Isakson & Roe Updates-Ch. 33-Non-College Degree (NCD) Students

On January 5, 2021, President Biden signed the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (P.L.116-315) into law. This new law brings significant changes to Veterans' education benefits. Many of the changes enhance or expand education benefits for Veterans, Service members, families and survivors and provide for the improvement and/or expansion of various GI Bill® programs. Isakson and Roe Act Summaries - Education and Training (va.gov)

- Section 1010 – Monthly Enrollment Verification of enrollment to receive Post-9/11 GI Bill® Benefits
 - As of August 1, 2021, Non-College Degree (NCD) students must verify their enrollment status each month to continue receiving their Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments.
 - Note: Monthly enrollment verification is applicable to only Chapter 33 students. To read more: [Enrollment Verification - Education and Training \(va.gov\)](http://va.gov)
1. Text Messaging – NCD students who choose VA's "Opt-In" feature will receive a text message each month prompting them to verify their enrollment status
 2. Via Email- If you choose to opt out of text messaging- you will be automatically enrolled with the email you have provided the VA during initial school application.
 3. Telephone – NCD students who Do Not Opt-In for text may call the Education Call Center (ECC) at 888-442-4551 to verify their enrollment status
- NCD students who reply 'Yes' to the verification text or confirm their enrollment status hasn't changed by phone will have MHA payments released on the first of the month as usual
 - NCD students who reply 'No' or report a change by phone will prompt the Veteran Claims Examiner (VCE) to review for updated enrollment information from the SCO. If no updated information is pending, the VCE will contact the SCO to request an update be submitted.
 - MHA payments will be held in the meanwhile-If a student fails to verify for two consecutive months, VA will withhold future MHA payments until they call the Educational Call Center (ECC) to verify.

Please contact your student recruiter, or the VA school certifying official kwalts@etnewhorizons.com for any questions.

You can also reach the Educational Call Center at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). Call between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday-Friday.

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Section 1018 of Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, adds new requirements for universities to provide financial information to students using benefits under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, U.S.C., or chapter

1606 of title 10, U.S.C. For timely updates about this new law, please visit the following resources for more information:

[Isakson and Roe \(va.gov\)](#)

[Isakson and Roe Act Summaries - Education and Training \(va.gov\)](#)