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WCU Student Veteran Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Update: 7/24/2020

Will my GI Bill Education Benefits be affected by the change in modes of instruction to remote delivery?

- **NEW from VA's website:** From the beginning of this crisis, we have been working with Congress to preserve GI Bill benefits for those of you impacted by COVID-19 during this difficult time. On March 21st, The President signed into law [S.3503](#), giving VA temporary authority to continue GI Bill payments uninterrupted during an emergency.
 - The new law allows VA to pay education benefits regardless of the fact that a program has been converted from resident training to online training, even if an online training hasn't been or approved or is not approvable.

GI Bill students will continue to receive housing allowance payments at the resident training until 12/21/20, or until the school resumes normal operations of resident training, for programs converted solely to online training.

- Post 9-11 recipients will not see a change to their Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) stipend for the spring 2020 semester only. Their classes will be considered hybrid (combination of on-line and in-class/on campus delivery modes) and VA will continue to pay housing stipends as certified. If students elect to take all, on-line classes for subsequent semesters, BAH will be reduced to ½ the national average (currently \$850.00).
- Per Guidance from the Philadelphia office, Vocational Rehabilitation recipients will continue to receive Chapter 31 residential rate if the class was already certified as residential for the remainder of the term.