VETERAN & DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

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VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

**FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS**
- Post 9-11 G.I. Bill (CH 33)
- Montgomery G.I. Bill (CH 30)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (CH 31)
- Selective Reserve (MGIB) (CH 1606)

**STATE OF TEXAS**
- Hazlewood Act Exemption
DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

- Post 9-11 G.I. Bill (CH 33) Transfer of Eligibility
- Dependent Educational Assistance (CH 35)
- Fry Scholarship

STATE OF TEXAS

- Hazlewood (Legacy)
- Hazlewood (Child of Disabled Veteran)
- Hazlewood (Spouse of Disabled Veteran)
- Hazlewood (Survivor)
HAZLEWOOD ACT EXEMPTION

• Hazlewood is an exemption from Tuition and most Fees associated with the academic courses the student is taking. For Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi the Student Service Fee is not covered:
  – Student Service Fee – maximum $250 in Fall or Spring and maximum $125 in Summer or short semester billing periods: 3 hours $66.42, 6 hours $125, 9 hours $199.26, and 12 hours $250
• Hazlewood (Veteran) – the veteran has a pool of 150 credit hours
• Hazlewood (Legacy) – two students can not use the benefit at the same time – they are essentially using the Veteran’s remaining pool of hours.
• Hazlewood (Child of Disabled Veteran), Hazlewood (Spouse of Disabled Veteran), and Hazlewood (Survivor) – each individual has their own pool of 150 hours. No student can ever use more than 150 hours regardless of source – (e.g., changed status, different Veteran parents, using Legacy then shifting to another version or gaining their own hours as a Veteran).
HAZLEWOOD ACT EXEMPTION

• **Hazlewood does not cover housing, meal plans, or books** – just Tuition and most Fees.
• Hazlewood can be used in conjunction with the following:
  – Montgomery G.I. Bill (CH 30) by the Veteran
  – Dependent Educational Assistant (CH 35) by a Dependent
  – Selected Reserve (MGIB) (CH 1606) by a reservist Veteran
  – Post 9-11 G.I. Bill (CH 33) by Veteran or Dependent using Transfer of Eligibility if the percentage is less than 100%
    • The hours of Hazlewood charged would be prorated based on how much of the bill the Hazlewood ends up exempting.
HAZLEWOOD VETERAN

• Basics of Eligibility for the Veteran:
  – Entered Active Duty Service from Texas - Home of Record or Place of Entry is Texas on DD-214 – if not then the Veteran must prove that within one year before they entered they were a Texas resident.
  – Honorable Discharge or Under Honorable Conditions
  – At least 181 days of Active Duty service beyond initial training. So boot camp and follow on training not included - essentially finish training, then do 181 days.
  – Date of Separation before the start of the semester in which the exemption is claimed.
  – Reside in Texas while the exemption is used – exceptions include Veterans who they or their Spouse is on Active Duty service military orders elsewhere.
  – Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.
  – Have no federal Veterans Educational Benefit for the term enrolled which directly pays the school for the Tuition and Fees (CH 33 and CH 31) – if less than 100% then Hazlewood hours charged will be prorated.
  – Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined for financial aid purposes.
  – Be state funded. Examples of non-funded include Excessive Hours.
  – Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.
  – Provide the application and supporting documentation before the end of the term in which used.
HAZLEWOOD DEPENDENT CHILD
(LEGACY)

- Basics of Eligibility for the Dependent Child:
  - Veteran transferring benefit must meet the basic Hazlewood Eligibility requirements.
  - Veteran must reside in Texas while the exemption is used – exceptions possible for Active Duty service military orders.
  - Veteran must sign the Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption Application – if deceased another legal guardian can sign.
  - Be the biological child, step child, adopted child, or claimed as a dependent in the current or previous tax year.
  - Must be 25 years old or younger on the first day of the term the exemption is used.
  - Be a Texas resident as deemed by the school. Student must reside in Texas while exemption is used.
  - Be registered for Selective Service if required to register according to Federal Law.
  - Have no federal Veterans Educational Benefit for the term enrolled which directly pays the school for the Tuition and Fees (CH 33 or FRY) – if less than 100% then Hazlewood hours charged will be prorated.
  - Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined for financial aid purposes.
  - Be state funded. Examples of non-funded include Excessive Hours.
  - Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.
  - Provide the application and supporting documentation before the end the term the exemption is used.
HAZLEWOOD DEPENDENT (CHILD OR SPOUSE OF DISABLED VETERAN)

- The Veteran must be considered “Totally and Permanently Disabled” or meeting the requirements for individual Unemployability according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Basics of eligibility are the same as Hazlewood (Legacy) except additionally:
  - Veteran not required to sign application.
  - Veteran not required to reside in Texas while the exemption is used.
  - Maximum age requirement is not applicable.
HAZLEWOOD DEPENDENT (SURVIVOR)

• The Veteran must have a documented service related death according to the Department of Defense or died due to a service related disability according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

• Basics of eligibility are the same as Hazlewood (Child or Spouse of Disabled Veteran) except additionally:
  – Satisfactory Academic Progress is not applicable.
  – Being state funded is not applicable.
DOCUMENTATION FOR HAZLEWOOD (FIRST TERM USED AT TAMU-CC)

**VETERAN**

- Hazlewood Application
- Qualifying DD-214 or DD-214(s)
- Proof that no remaining Federal Benefit that would pay Tuition and Fees if applicable.
- Copy of Texas Driver’s License or State Issued ID
- School forms:
  - Benefits Disclaimer Form

**DEPENDENT**

- Hazlewood Application
- Qualifying DD-214 or DD-214(s)
- Proof of Dependency
  - Student’s Birth Certificate for Biological Child
  - Birth Certificate & Marriage Certificate for Veteran to Biological Parent for Stepchild
  - Adoption Papers or Court Order for Adopted Child
  - IRS Tax Transcripts for other Dependent Child types
  - Marriage Certificate for Veteran to Student for Spouse
- If Veteran served on or after 8/1/2009, proof that no remaining Federal Benefit that would pay Tuition and Fees if applicable.
- Copy of Veteran’s Texas Driver’s License or State Issued ID if (Legacy)
- Copy of Student’s Texas Driver’s License or State Issued ID
- Copy of Student’s Social Security Card
- School forms:
  - Benefits Disclaimer Form
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POST 9-11 G.I. BILL (CH 33) & FRY SCHOLARSHIP (FRY)

TO THE SCHOOL

• Pays Tuition and Fees to the school
  – If less than 100% then they pay that lower % of the Tuition and Fees
• School will place a CH 33 Billing hold on the student's account for the expected payment amount from the VA
• Study Abroad – the courses taken by the student have to apply to the student’s degree plan, they have to be TAMU-CC faculty lead and billed through our school’s Business Office like normal courses in a given billing term

TO THE STUDENT

• Pays Book stipend to the student
  – Typically 10 days before the term starts
• Pays Housing Stipend to the student
  – Based on in seat class days in a month, rate of pursuit, and hours in residence or distance education
• Rate of Pursuit
  – Typically, undergraduate 12 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 7 hours for Summer 10 week, and 4 hours for Summer 5 week
  – Typically, graduate 9 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 6 hours for Summer 10 week, 5 hours for 7 Week Online, and 3 hours for Summer 5 week
DEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (CH 35)

TO THE SCHOOL

• **No payment of tuition and fees**
• Many students pair CH 35 with Hazlewood if eligible
• Study Abroad – the courses taken by the student have to apply to the student’s degree plan, they have to be TAMU-CC faculty lead and billed through our school’s Business Office like normal courses in a given billing term

TO THE STUDENT

• Pays Stipend to the student
  – Based on in seat class days in a month, calculation called training time, and hours in residence or distance education
• Training Time
  – Typically, undergraduate 12 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 7 hours for Summer 10 week, and 4 hours for Summer 5 week
  – Typically, graduate 9 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 6 hours for Summer 10 week, 5 hours for 7 Week Online, and 3 hours for Summer 5 week
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (CH 31)

TO THE SCHOOL

• Pays Tuition and Fees to the school
  – If less than 100% then they pay that lower % of the Tuition and Fees
• School will place a Billing hold on the student’s account for the expected payment amount from the VA
• Study Abroad – the courses taken by the student have to apply to the student’s degree plan, they have to be TAMU-CC faculty lead and billed through our school’s Business Office like normal courses in a given billing term

TO THE STUDENT

• Pays for Books at the Campus Book Store
  – Student gets books for classes, and a allowance for supplies, the book store bills the VA
• Pays Stipend to the student
  – Based on in seat class days in a month, rate of pursuit, and hours in residence or distance education
  – If remaining Post 9-11 G.I. Bill eligibility it pays at the CH 33 rate
  – If no remaining Post 9-11 G.I. Bill eligibility it pays at the lower Vocational Rehabilitation rate.
• Rate of Pursuit
  – Typically, undergraduate 12 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 7 hours for Summer 10 week, and 4 hours for Summer 5 week
  – Typically, graduate 9 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 6 hours for Summer 10 week, 5 hours for 7 Week Online, and 3 hours for Summer 5 week
MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL (CH 30)

TO THE SCHOOL

- No payment of tuition and fees
- Many students pair CH 30 with Hazlewood if eligible
- Study Abroad – the courses taken by the student have to apply to the student’s degree plan, they have to be TAMU-CC faculty lead and billed through our school’s Business Office like normal courses in a given billing term

TO THE STUDENT

- Pays Stipend to the student
  - Based on in seat class days in a month, calculation called training time, and hours in residence or distance education
- Training Time
  - Typically, undergraduate 12 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 7 hours for Summer 10 week, and 4 hours for Summer 5 week
  - Typically, graduate 9 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 6 hours for Summer 10 week, 5 hours for 7 Week Online, and 3 hours for Summer 5 week
SELECTED RESERVE (MGIB) (CH 1606)

TO THE SCHOOL

• **No payment of tuition and fees**
• Many students pair CH 30 with Hazlewood if eligible
• Study Abroad – the courses taken by the student have to apply to the student’s degree plan, they have to be TAMU-CC faculty lead and billed through our school’s Business Office like normal courses in a given billing term

TO THE STUDENT

• Pays Stipend to the student
  – Based on in seat class days in a month, calculation called training time, and hours in residence or distance education
• Training Time
  – Typically, undergraduate 12 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 7 hours for Summer 10 week, and 4 hours for Summer 5 week
  – Typically, graduate 9 hours for Fall or Spring full terms, 6 hours for Summer 10 week, 5 hours for 7 Week Online, and 3 hours for Summer 5 week
DOCUMENTATION FOR VA BENEFITS
(FIRST TERM USED AT TAMU-CC)

VETERAN

• Certificate of Eligibility
• Copy of DD-214 if applicable
• Copy of Military Transcripts if applicable
• School forms:
  – Request for Certification
  – Benefits Disclaimer Form

DEPENDENT

• Certificate of Eligibility
• School forms:
  – Request for Certification
  – Benefits Disclaimer Form
DOCUMENTATION FOR VA BENEFITS (CONTINUING USAGE AT TAMU-CC)

**VETERAN**

- School forms:
  - Request for Certification
  - Benefits Disclaimer Form

**DEPENDENT**

- School forms:
  - Request for Certification
  - Benefits Disclaimer Form
RESIDENCY

TUITION WAIVERS

• Non-resident Waiver
  – Student has eligibility for VA Educational Benefit

• Active Duty Waiver
  – Student or Veteran Parent or Veteran Spouse is stationed in Texas or previously stationed in Texas and the student stayed behind when the Veteran transferred out of state

HAZLEWOOD

• The student has to be considered a Resident by the school.
  – It can not be via under a waiver

RECLASSIFICATION

• Primary path to reclassification
  – Residency Questionnaire with Admissions

• Choice Act of 2014
  – If another method is not applicable it may be possible that our office can have you reclassified under the criteria of this act
QUESTIONS?