



## **Priority Enrollment Designation Field Available in GI Bill Comparison Tool**

Dear School Certifying Official,

Section 303 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, known as the “Forever GI Bill,” requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to publicly report whether or not a school offers priority enrollment to Veteran and servicemember students. We are requesting your help to carry out this provision.

“Priority enrollment” for the purposes of fulfilling this provision is a policy allowing a Veteran or servicemember student to register for classes earlier than other students. It does not mean Veterans or servicemembers need to be allowed to register before *all* other students.

### **Please Take Action**

If your school has a priority enrollment policy for Veterans and servicemembers, please copy the relevant portion of your course catalog or catalog addenda showing the priority enrollment policy. Email a copy of your priority enrollment policy to [priority.enrollment.vbabuf@va.gov](mailto:priority.enrollment.vbabuf@va.gov) and copy your Education Liaison Representative.

Here's an example of a priority enrollment policy:

## Priority Dates and Time Tickets

Registration times are assigned to each class code in order of completed hours from most to least. Go to [Patriot Web](#) to verify your registration time and to make sure you have a record free of holds that prevent registration.

\*All newly admitted freshmen and transfer students must attend orientation and will register on that day.

Priority Dates	Class Code
Nov 7	Graduate
Nov 9	Seniors
Nov 13	Juniors
Nov 15	Sophomores
Nov 17	Freshmen
Nov 21	Nondegree Graduate
Jan 4	Nondegree Undergraduate

**\*\*Military Veterans will receive earliest Priority Date based on their official course registration date and class availability.**

Once received, we will display the information on the GI Bill Comparison Tool. An updated Comparison Tool displaying this information will be available in late May.

Priority enrollment will be verified via Compliance Survey.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we implement the many sections of the Colmery Act. We appreciate your work in improving the service we provide to our Veterans.

Respectfully,

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