



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington DC 20420

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Dear School Official:

Education Service is pleased to announce the release of the fourth edition of the School Certifying Official Handbook. The handbook has been revised to include additional information and updates suggested by School Certifying Officials through their Education Liaison Representatives. A list of the revisions can be found on page 7 of the handbook, which can be accessed and/or printed from the "School Training and Information Resources" page of the GI Bill website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_training_resources.asp.

Noteworthy Changes Include:

- Information on Fry Scholarship eligibility for surviving spouses for enrollments beginning on or after January 1, 2015
- A new requirement that SCOs should submit initial enrollment information within 30 days of the beginning of the term, although precertification is recommended if possible
- Updated certification instructions reflecting modifications to VA-ONCE and LTS functionality

Additional Resources

Additional resources are available on the "School Officials Resources" page of the GI Bill Website at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_resources.asp. These resources include updated Frequently Asked Questions and the online School Certifying Official training course.

I would like to thank you again for your continued service and dedication as a School Certifying Official. I hope that this information assists you in the performance of your important duties. If you have additional questions regarding how to certify a student's enrollment, you should contact your VA Education Liaison Representative. Contact information for your ELR can be found online at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/education_resources/school_certifying_officials/elr.asp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert M. Worley II".

Robert M. Worley II
Director, Education Service