GI Bill Students: Did you receive a letter about Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) rate changes?

In December 2019, letters were sent to GI Bill students who received an MHA payment between August 1, 2018, and December 1, 2019. These letters informed students if they were impacted by MHA updates implemented on December 1, 2019.

Learn about these changes with the MHA Rate Change Infographic and estimate your MHA using the GI Bill Comparison Tool.

If you were paid correctly, you were sent a No Change Letter stating you were paid correctly.

If you were underpaid, you were sent a Payment Letter stating you were underpaid, and VA will pay you the difference. There is no action necessary on your part.

If you were overpaid*, you were sent two letters:

1. An Overpayment Letter stating you were overpaid and that VA has submitted a request for waiver of the overpayment to the Committee of Waivers and Compromises (COWC) on your behalf.

2. A COWC Letter stating the committee has reviewed the claim and the overpayment is waived. There is no action necessary on your part.

Did you attend classes outside the main campus of your school?

VA is working with schools to determine if you were underpaid, overpaid* or not impacted by attending classes at a campus location other than your school's main campus between August 1, 2018, and December 1, 2019. As VA receives new information from schools, you may receive an additional letter in 2020 if you were impacted.

*All overpayments are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Overpayments created as a result of the delay of MHA rate changes in VA systems will be waived for GI Bill students.