

# VETERANS BENEFITS

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## RETURN OF FUNDS: UNEARNED MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend school for the entire period for which the assistance is awarded. When a student drops or withdraws from a course for which TA was awarded, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of TA funds that were initially awarded.

To comply with the Department of Defense policy, Linfield University will return any unearned TA funds on a prorated basis through at least the 60% portion of the term for which the funds were provided. TA funds are earned proportionally during the term, with unearned funds returned based on when a student stops attending. These funds are returned to the Military Service Branch that provided the funds.

In cases where a student stops attending classes due to a documented military service obligation, Linfield will work with the student to ensure that the return of TA funds does not result in student debt to the university.

## CHAPTER 31 AND 33 PROTECTIONS

Covered individuals entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill®:

- May attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the covered individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 (a “certificate of eligibility” can also include a “Statement of Benefits” obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
  - The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
  - 90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.
- Will not incur any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or be required to borrow additional funds because of the covered individual’s inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33.

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