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School Closure Fact Sheet for Veterans and GI Bill Beneficiaries

The California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE), a division of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, recognizes that when a California educational institution closes there is a significant effect on GI Bill recipients attending the school. Our goal is to provide as much assistance as possible to mitigate the adverse impact on you. Below are some resources and answers to common questions you may find useful.

Restoration of GI Bill Education Benefits

There is currently no mechanism available to restore your GI Bill eligibility. If you have specific questions about your veteran education benefits eligibility or payment, please contact the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) at **1-888-GIBILL1**. The Education Call Center is available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. CST.

CalVet is unable to answer questions or provide assistance with issues regarding eligibility or payment of USDVA education benefits.

Financial Support

If you received basic allowance for housing (BAH) as part of your GI Bill benefit, you will not receive any further payments from USDVA unless and until you enroll in a different qualified institution approved by CSAAVE. If you experience difficulty meeting your financial needs, please contact a CalVet [Local Interagency Network Coordinator](#) (LINC) in your area to explore temporary aid resources. LINC's bridge the gap between CalVet and federal, state, county, and non-governmental agencies.

Transfer of Credits

A number of public, private, and non-profit educational institutions may be willing to work with you to attempt to transfer credits. USDVA's [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#) provides a searchable database of schools that will help you review and compare alternatives to continue your education or training.

Tuition Reimbursement

You may be eligible for reimbursement through the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education [Student Tuition Recovery Fund](#) if you were enrolled at the time of school closure (or within 60 days of the school's closure). Complete an [application for STRF](#) to file a claim. If you have any questions, or require additional information, then

please contact STRF at 888-370-7589 and select option 5 when prompted, or send an email to STRF@dca.ca.gov.

Loan Discharge

Your federal financial aid loans may be eligible for discharge. Apply for [closed school loan discharges](#) through the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

Alternative Programs

Many benefits are available to advance the education and skills of Veterans, service members, and eligible family members. To explore alternative training opportunities such as [licensing and certification](#), [on-the-job training and apprenticeship](#), and [entrepreneurship](#) visit USDVA's GI Bill Website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp

Additional sources for help with your education decisions

- U. S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: [Paying for College](#)
- U.S. Department of Education: [College Scorecard](#)
- U.S. Federal Trade Commission: [Choosing A Vocational School](#)
- U.S. Federal Trade Commission: [Choosing A College - Questions to Ask](#)

If you need further assistance, email CSAAVE at csaaveinfo@calvet.ca.gov or visit www.calvet.ca.gov.