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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. It is our goal 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**

If you have specific questions about your veteran education benefits eligibility or payment, 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 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.

### **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](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/education_programs.asp)

### **Additional resources 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](mailto:csaaveinfo@calvet.ca.gov).