

What if I receive a failing grade while on benefits?

The VA doesn't care if you fail a class, nope they won't come after you for the money you got. In fact, they will let you retake that class as many times as you need to until you get a passing grade, and they will pay you each time. If you drop or withdraw, you have created a debt and now you owe the VA the money for that course.

Why do I have a debt with the VA over tuition and fees paid to my school?

When you enroll in school and take classes, you enter into an agreement with the school to pay for your classes and the associated fees. **VA pays the tuition and fees to the school on your behalf when the School Certifying Official (SCO) certifies that you are enrolled in classes.** By law, you are responsible for any debt incurred while receiving benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. VA is required by law to recoup any debt.

What is the difference between a punitive and non-punitive grade?

If you fail a class, you may receive what is called a "*punitive grade*" for that class. This means that the grade you receive earns credit towards your degree, even though it may bring your GPA down. Since this grade counts towards your degree requirements (even negatively) you are entitled to GI Bill benefits for any class you receive such a grade in.

A "*non-punitive grade*" is a grade that doesn't earn credit towards your degree. An example of this may be withdrawal after the drop period; or other things like auditing a class, academic probation, or suspension. Since non-punitive grades don't count towards your degree you may be required to repay any GI Bill money you received for such classes.

What if I want to change my training program?

To change from one school or training program to another, individuals receiving benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, MGIB-AD, MGIB-SR, or VEAP, will need to submit a [VA Form 22-1995](#) "Request For Change of Program or Place of Training" to the Regional Processing Office serving your state.

Can I be eligible for two or more education VA benefits?

Yes, you may be eligible for more than one VA education benefit program. However, you may only receive payments from one program at a time. You can receive a maximum of 48 months of benefits under any combination of VA education programs you qualify for.