



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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Policy 2015-01: *In-State Tuition Benefits*

See Also:

Board of Governors' Policy 1985-03
State System Procedure/Standard Number 2015-20

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A. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Section 702 of the federal *Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014* (Choice Act) and other laws as adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding the charging of in-state tuition to qualified veterans, active-duty military, and civilian personnel employed at a Department of Defense facility in Pennsylvania, as well as other covered individuals, such as spouses and dependents of the aforementioned.

B. Policy

In-state tuition shall be charged for programs of education for individuals who have been or will be eligible for benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33 of Title 38 of the United States Code, which includes the Fry Scholarship), the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30 of Title 38 of the United States Code), the Veterans' Readiness and Employment program (Chapter 31 of Title 38 of the United States Code), Dependents' Education Assistance (Chapter 35 of Title 38 of the United States Code), and the Reserve Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 1606 of Title 38 of the United States Code), as well as civilian personnel employed at Department of Defense facilities in Pennsylvania. In-state tuition shall also be charged to veterans, active duty military, Department of Defense employees, spouses, and dependents not using the aforementioned benefits.

The chancellor shall establish procedures, standards, and guidelines—to include definitions—that will ensure compliance with the Choice Act and other applicable laws regarding educational benefits for veterans, military personnel, and civilians employed by the Department of Defense, their spouses, and dependents, including state laws as adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. Effective Date

July 1, 2015.