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Subject: Housing and Stipend payments for March

Hello all,

I have been getting a lot of calls concerned with the monthly stipend for March so, let me try to explain it (it's confusing).

The VA will only pay for the actual days of the term with, the addition of more 8 week sessions this will reflect in your pay so, you might want to think about and prepare for that as you plan your future semesters. AC will be implementing more 8 week sessions so, obtaining a 16 week term isn't possible but may be limited.

Here is an example of what this semester may look like for most of you. Remember that the shorter the term the less hours you need to receive full time pay so, 16 wk term=12hrs is full time, 8 wk term=6 hrs and it prorates down to $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ time.

2016 SPRING TERM SCENARIO 1

1/19-5/13/16 (16WKS) 6 HOURS $\frac{1}{2}$ TIME
1/19-3/11/16 (8WKS) 3 HOURS $\frac{1}{2}$ TIME
3/12-3/19 SPRING BREAK HALF TIME PAY FOR THE 16 WK TERM ONLY
3/21-5/13/16 (8 WKS) 3 HOURS $\frac{1}{2}$ TIME

Should be considered full time except for the spring break week where the terms overlap. March's pay will not reflect a full months check because one term ends and another begins a week later. The week of spring break you are still enrolled 6 hours that began in January and ends in May so they figure that week in to the pay.

Scenario 2

1/19-3/11/16 6 hrs full time

Not enrolled from 3/12-3/19 = no stipend

3/21-5/13/16 3 hrs $\frac{1}{2}$ time

The only full month of pay will be February and April because you are enrolled the entire month.

Other than attending conferences for training I have a manual that the VA created for School Certifying Officials. I have provided a small paragraph that explains how we (certifying officials-Kelly Murphy) are supposed to report hours. This manual is available for everyone to view on the veteran website (link provided below) so, please feel free to look up anything you would like answers to.

Summer Terms and Nonstandard Enrollment Periods

Standard quarters are 10 to 13 weeks in length and standard semesters are 15 to 19 weeks in length. Standard quarters and semesters adhere to the school's academic calendar. When a session or course doesn't follow this standard format, certify the actual begin date, end date, and credit for the session or course. Courses taken during a defined session—an eight week summer session, for example—should be certified from the beginning date to the ending date of the session if the courses start the first week and end the last week of the session. (This statement and more details can be found on page 56 of the SCO Handbook, http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/job_aids/SCO_Handbook.pdf)

Rate of Pay for: Chpt 30 1789.00/month
 Chpt 33 1243/month if they receive 100% of the benefit
 Also must be more than half time

Scene 1:

	16wk (12sh) or (6sh)	8wk (6sh)	1wk	8wk (6sh)
Jan	1102	1102	0	
Feb	1789	1789	0	
Mar	1789	638	0	580
Apr	1789		0	1789
May	754		0	754
Total	7223	3529	0	3123

(Loss of 571.00)

Scene 3:

16wk 8wk 8wk
 (6sh) (3sh) 1wk (3sh)

Scene 2:

	16wk (6sh)	8wk (3sh)	1wk	8 wk (3sh)
Jan	551	551	0	
Feb	894.50	894.50	0	
Mar	894.50	319	0	290
Apr	894.50		0	894.50
May	377		0	377
Total	3611.50	1764.50	0	1561.50

Loss of 285.50

Jan-Prorated FT/combo	1102			
Feb-FT/Combo	1789			
Mar-Prorated FT/Combo	638 (11 days)		145 Half time pay for 1 wk	580 (10days)
Apr-FT/combo				1789
May-Prorated FT/Combo				754
Total Prorated FT/Combo	3529		145	3123

FT Combo semester pay 6797=loss of 426