

# GI Bill Students: You may receive a letter about Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) rate adjustments.

On December 1, 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) updated education claims processing systems to pay MHA in accordance with the Colmery Act. With this change, MHA is paid based on the physical campus location where a student attends the majority of his or her classes. Previously, students were paid MHA based on the location of the main or branch campus of the school where enrolled.

Starting in April 2020, VA began working with schools to correct location-based housing for students who were paid under the old rules since August 1, 2018, when the law went into effect. As schools recertify enrollments for impacted students, VA will notify students about any associated MHA adjustments.



## Did you attend classes outside the main campus of your school for a term beginning on or after August 1, 2018?

VA is working with schools to determine if you were underpaid, overpaid\* or not impacted by attending classes at a campus location other than your school's main campus since August 1, 2018. As VA receives new information from schools between now and the end of calendar year 2020, you may receive a letter.

- 1 If you were paid correctly, you will be sent a **No Change Letter** stating you were paid correctly.
- 2 If you were underpaid, you will be sent a **Payment Letter** stating you were underpaid and you will receive a lump-sum payment, regardless of start date. There is no action necessary on your part.
- 3 If you were overpaid\*, you will be sent an **Overpayment Letter** stating you were overpaid. VA will review the claim for waiver of the debt and provide additional information on this process. GI Bill students who were overpaid solely as a result of the delay in MHA rate changes will not owe money to VA.



Learn about these changes with the [MHA Rate Change Infographic](#) and estimate your MHA using the [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#).

\*VA will review all overpayments on a case-by-case basis.

