Obtain a COE

In order to certify any student, VMS must have proof that the student is eligible for benefits via a Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

Listed below are 3 methods in obtaining a copy of your COE.

1. Apply for benefits at va.gov

- Visit www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/
- Proof of submission is required (i.e. submission confirmation number)
- Please print the page containing your confirmation number after completing the prompts on va.gov
- This page can be used as a placeholder for your COE
- You will have 30 days to provide your COE after submitting your confirmation number
- Your COE will be mailed to the address you provided on va.gov

2. Print your Education Enrollment Status from eBenefits®

If you have an eBenefits Level II account you can obtain at COE in the form of an "Education Enrollment Status" via their website.

- Log onto eBenefits ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage
- On the "Welcome" page, select the "Manage Your Benefits" option at the bottom
- Under the "Manage Benefits" option, select the "Status Tracking" option
- In the "Education" block, you should see a link for the benefit you are eligible for
- Select the "Enrollment Status" Link (Post 9/11 GI Bill®, Montgomery GI Bill®, etc)
- Print the page entitled "Education Enrollment Status"

3. Have the VA mail you another copy

Go to the GI Bill® Website www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

- Select the "Submit a Question" option
- If you have an existing account, log in
- If not, you will need to use the "Sign up" link to establish an account
- Once you are logged in, select the "Ask a Question" tab at the top
- For subject, put "GI Bill Certificate of Eligibility"
- For question, put in something such as
    "I am requesting a duplicate copy of my GI Bill Certificate of Eligibility be mailed to me."
- Product is "GI Bill"
- Category is the benefit you are eligible for
- Under the benefit you are eligible for, select eligibility
- Submit your request.
- A duplicate Certificate of Eligibility will be mailed to you.