

My school closed while I was attending. What can I do?

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VA is now authorized to restore benefits and provide relief to Veterans affected by **school closures** and program disapproval. There are two groups of affected beneficiaries - students whose **schools** closed between January 1, 2015 and August 16, 2017, and students whose **schools** closed after August 16, 2017.

□ **Special Application** - Students whose **schools** closed between January 1, 2015 and August 16, 2017:

Beneficiaries will qualify for the Special Application provision if:

- They attended an accredited Institution of Higher Learning (IHL) facility which closed between **January 1, 2015 through August 16, 2017**
- They were last attending the **school** within 120 days of the school's **closure**; **and**
- They were not enrolled in a comparable program prior to August 16, 2017; **or**
- They were enrolled in a comparable program, but did not transfer any credits from the closed **school**.

□ **Regular Restoration of Entitlement** - Students whose **schools** close after August 16, 2017:

Beneficiaries will qualify for the Regular Restoration of Entitlement if;

- VA finds that the beneficiary was unable to complete their program of study due to the **school** closing; **or**
- There is a change in law or VA interpretation that results in the disapproval of the program or **school and**
- The beneficiary did not receive credit or lost training time toward the completion of their program of education

□ **Extension of Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) Payments When a School Closes or is Disapproved**

- When a **school** closes or is disapproved during an active term, enrolled beneficiaries may be eligible to continue receiving MHA payments until the original end of the term or for 120 days (whichever occurs sooner).
- There is no entitlement charge for MHA payments made during this time period.
- By law, VA is not authorized to make these MHA payments until August 1, 2018. If a **school** closed or was disapproved prior to this date and students are due an MHA payment, we will make a retroactive payment after August 1, 2018.

□ **Applying for Restoration of Entitlement:**

Students who believe they meet the requirements outlined above should go to the GI Bill website and complete the [Educational Benefit Entitlement Restoration Request Due to School Closure or Withdrawal form](#) and [submit online](#) or [mail to their Regional Processing Office](#).