



Dual Certification

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Outcomes

Background

Benefit of Process

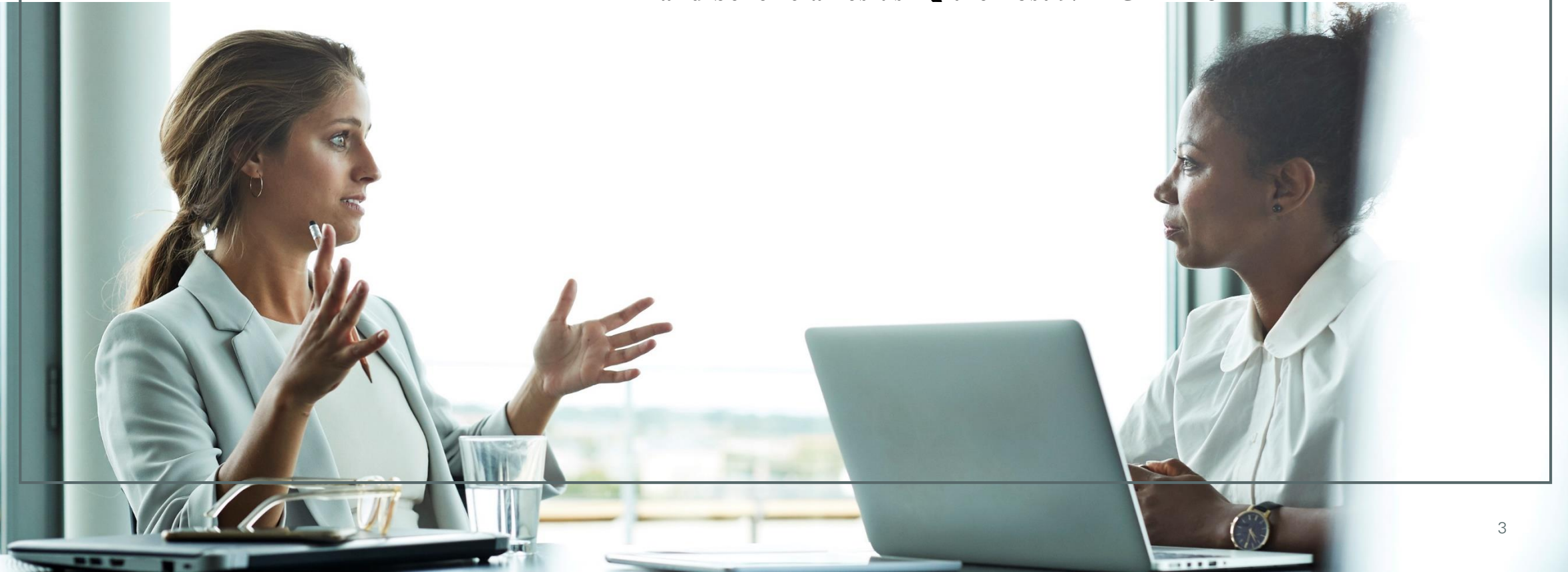
Best Practices

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Background

January 5, 2021, Public Law 116-315, Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe., Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 was signed into law. Section 1010 of this law amended sections 3313 of title 38 U.S.C by adding a new subsection of Verification Enrollment. This subsection adds new requirements for both schools and beneficiaries using the Post 9/11 GI Bill®



What is the Dual Certification Process

The Dual Certification is the process by which a school may certify an enrolment and fill out the term dates, credit hours, and other pertinent information such as SSN, address, school facility code, etc.



Background

As of August 1, 2021, schools are required to submit an initial enrollment certification for each CH 33 beneficiary and another subsequent enrollment certification after the school's drop/add period

The second certification should be received no later than 30 days after the school's drop/add period or 60 days from the first day of the enrollment period, whichever occurs first. Schools without a drop/add period, 60 days from first day



Benefits

- Allows the school to certify an enrollment in a timely manner while ensuring the student receives housing, allowance, books, and supplies, stipend, etc.
- Allows for a more “precise” report from the schools when they certify tuition and fees and **PREVENTS OVERPAYMENTS.**

Seven Reasons a School Debt is Established

- **Student never attended classes**
- **Student “completely” withdrew on or before the first day**
- **Student passed away during or before the term started**
- **School received a payment for the wrong student**
- **School received a duplicate payment**
- **School submitted an amended certification to report reduced tuition and fees**
- **VA issued payment above the amount certified**





Best Practices

- **Ensure students follow your process (request to be certified)**
- **As early as possible, submit enrollment certification leaving the tuition and fees blank with \$0.00.**
- **If the school has no changes to make to the enrollment or tuition and fees for a term, they “must still” submit a second enrollment certification.**
- **You can submit Retroactive Certifications**



Best Practices Continued

- This process is only for CH 33 (Post 9/11) beneficiaries
- The new SCO reporting requirement for Section 1010 has no bearing on VA payments made to schools or students.
- If the school's catalog indicates separate drop/add dates, you will be required to report the 2nd submission in accordance with the individually published dates.



Key takeaways

- Dual Certification is “highly” recommended.
- Helps reduce overpayments
- Helps the students
- Helps your Business Office



Resources

https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/presentations/August2021_Office_Hours_Presentation.pdf

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/DualCertificationTips.pdf>

