

Virtual Training Webinar: Extension Campus Update

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PURPOSE



Set you up for success by providing you the information you need to know about:

- VA-ONCE changes
- Answer your questions about the process, solution, and timeline

OUTCOMES



- Inform and prepare you for the Extension Campus updates
- 2. Provide you an opportunity to be heard
- 3. Provide feedback on the way information is conveyed through training and open house events

BACKGROUND AND DEFINITIONS



Background on Colmery Sections 107/501



Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is calculated based on the campus location where a student physically attends the majority of his or her classes.

Effective for enrollments
 beginning on or after August 1,
 2018.



A student's MHA rate will be the same as the Department of Defense's E-5 With Dependents Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate.

 Applies only to students who first use Post-9/11 benefits on or after January 1, 2018.



Definitions: Types of Campuses



MAIN CAMPUS

A location where the primary teaching facilities of an educational institution are located.



BRANCH CAMPUS

A location of an educational institution that is **geographically apart** from and operationally independent of the main campus of the educational institution; has its own administration; and offers courses leading to a degree or other recognized education credential.



EXTENSION CAMPUS

A location of an educational institution that is geographically apart from and is operationally dependent on the main campus or a branch campus of the educational institution.

38 C.F.R § 21.4266(a)(3)-(5) provides the definitions for each type of campus.



Definitions: Key Differences Between Campuses

The key difference between an extension and a branch campus is the presence of administrative authority.

Main and branch campuses have administrative authority whereas an extension campus does not. Also, an extension campus is located in a different geographic location.

MAIN CAMPUS

BRANCH CAMPUS

EXTENSION CAMPUS









Off-campus training MHA (including internships, practicums, externships, clinical rotations, student-teaching sites, and residencies) will be paid **based on the location of the campus where the student is enrolled**, as long as the "off-campus training site" does not meet the campus definition requirements.



Extension Campus Examples

EXTENSION CAMPUS



Examples of Extension Campus sites:

- a. University of Traffic offers a course at the approved instructional signage site for students to pass their traffic sign course.
- b. America College offers a 3-credit course taught by an America College faculty member at a local community center.

Important! The VA definition of an extension site is provided in **38 C.F.R § 21.4266(a)(3)-(5)**, reflecting VA's <u>overarching guidance</u> on the types of sites that qualify as extension campuses.

For any sites that do not explicitly align with this guidance, SCOs should work with their SAAs to determine if the site qualifies as an extension per any state-specific requirements.



Implementation Timeline for Rate Adjustments

MILESTONE 1

MILESTONE 2

MILESTONE 3

Extension Campuses Available for 2020 Terms

Section 107/501 Go-Live Recertification of Enrollments

August 5, 2019

December 1, 2019

2020



Implementation Timeline for Rate Adjustments (1 of 3)

MILESTONE 1

Extension Campuses Available for 2020 Terms

August 5, 2019

KEY CHANGES:

- Extension Campuses are added to VA-ONCE and made available to School Certifying Officials for enrollments beginning on or after 12/01/2019
- Ability to add enrollments that begin on or after 12/01/2019, and later, which reflect the physical location where the student attends classes



Implementation Timeline for Rate Adjustments (2 of 3)

MILESTONE 2

Section 107/501 Go-Live

December 1, 2019

KEY CHANGES:

- Updates will go live in VA's education processing systems, and future MHA payments will be made in accordance with Sections 107 and 501 of the Colmery Act
- For Section 501, retroactive process is run to calculate and isolate payments/debts using data already in system
- For Section 501, payments sent for students underpaid since 1/1/2018 and debts submitted for waiver review for students overpaid since 1/1/2018
- All students will receive a letter informing them of whether they were underpaid, overpaid or not impacted.



Implementation Timeline for Rate Adjustments (3 of 3)

MILESTONE 3

Recertification
Of Enrollments

2020

KEY TASKS:

- After the system is live, SCOs will be asked to re-certify enrollments for terms taken at previously unreported extension campuses, that took place after August 1, 2018.
- As schools submit enrollment claims, VA
 will identify individuals who received
 inaccurate payments, based on where
 the individual physically participates in
 the majority of classes (main, branch or
 extension). Once impacted students are
 identified, payments can be issued for
 those who were underpaid.

EXTENSION CAMPUS UPDATE

FACILITY CODE: The numeric code assigned by VA to an institution specifically identifying approved facilities with administrative capability (e.g. Identifies a main or branch campus)

Note: The Main and Branch Campus Facility Codes will not be changed. They will remain the same.



Definitions: Sub-Facility Codes

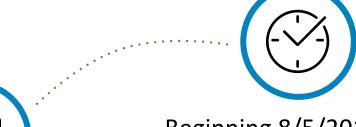
New Term Alert!!

SUB-FACILITY CODE: The numeric code assigned by VA to identify approved facilities lacking administrative capability. (e.g., identifies an extension campus)

- The third digit will be an "X" for all sub-facility codes
- If you have more than one, the 4th-6th digits will increase in sequence order

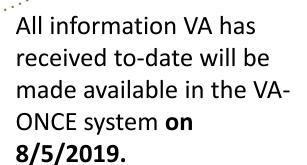


Extension Campus Update | What's Happened So Far





VA conducted a validation exercise of extension campus data submitted by SAAs to VA, identifying that some schools are missing extension campuses.



Beginning 8/5/2019, Schools will submit all enrollments starting on or after 12/1/2019 to the appropriate campus, whether that is a main, branch, or extension campus

SAAs must submit any additional approved extension campuses to VA NLT 9/30/19. These will be batch-uploaded into VA-ONCE.



Extension Campus Second Data Load Process Graphic

7/18/19

VA distributes list of known extension campuses to **SCOs** and **SAAs**.

Impact to ELRS:

None

7/19 - 9/30/19

SCOs review list and identify whether any extension campuses are missing from the list.

Impact to ELRS:

None

7/19 - 9/30/19

SAAs review and approve extension campuses using their state-specific processes. **SAAs** add approved extension campuses to the VA-provided Excel template and submit to **ForeverGIBIII.vbayaco@VA.gov**.

Impact to ELRS:

ELRs will receive **SAA** approval documents that may have new extension campuses identified. ELRs will complete all required approval action, except the manual entry of the extension campuses.

11/1/19

SAAs submit any new approved **main**, **branch** or **extension** campus to their ELRs.

Impact to ELRS:

SAAs will continue to submit approval documents to the ELRs, who will now need to manually enter all campus data into WEAMS or VA-ONCE.

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VA distributes blank extension campus submission template to **SAAs**.

Impact to ELRS:

None

A) SCOs contact SAAs to clarify if any missing extension campuses are still in the approval process.

B) SCOs submit missing extension campuses to their SAAs using their standard, state-specific process.

C) On 8/5/19, **SCOs** submit enrollments starting on or after 12/1/19.

Impact to ELRS:

None

All extension campus spreadsheets submitted to VA by 5 p.m. ET.

Impact to ELRS:

ELRs will NOT be able to make any manual updates to VA systems from 10/1 – 10/31. **SAAs** submit new **main**, **branch** and **extension** campuses approved after 9/30 to ELRs.

9/30/19

Integrated Colmery Delivery team compiles all extension campus data submitted during this timeframe and batch uploads it into VA-ONCE.

Impact to ELRS:

ELRs will be able to view new extension campuses in VA systems.

TBD

7/26/19

7/19 - 9/30/19



Extension Campus Update | What Is / Is Not Changing

WHAT IS CHANGING?



System: Addition of all known extension campuses to VA-ONCE



Campus Selection:

Using the actual campus attended (main, branch, or extension) for any enrollment that begins on or after 12/1/2019

WHAT IS NOT CHANGING?



System: Step-by-Step process for certifying enrollments



Campus Selection:

Using the main or branch campus for any enrollments at an extension campus that begin before 12/1/2019



Other: Process for submitting new campuses through SAAs

SYSTEM OVERVIEW





Version P058 of VA-ONCE adds functionality for extension campuses as a part of the Colmery Act

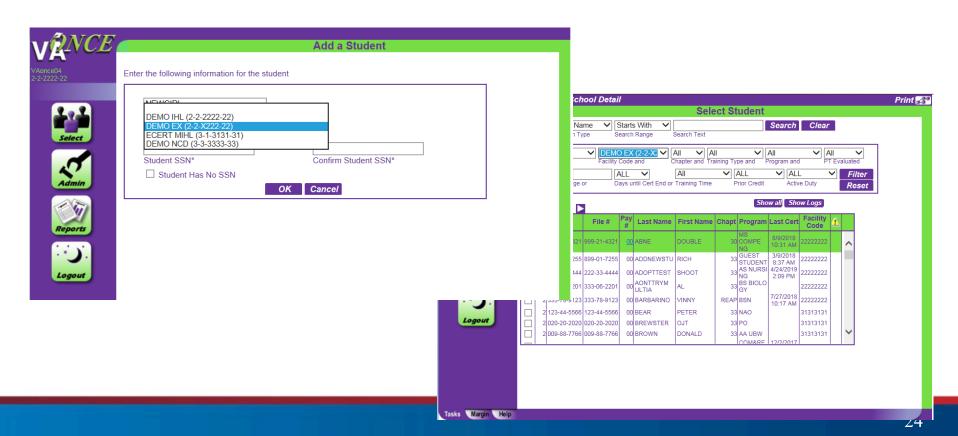
If a facility has an extension campus approved by the State Approving Agency, it was added to VA-ONCE in addition to WEAMS.

There are very few changes in functionality, but there are some additional edits and restrictions on extensions. Extension campuses will have an 'X' in the third character of the facility code.



Additional FC added to the SCO account

Any SCO with access to the main facility code also has been given access to the extension campus sub-facility code. This can be seen in dropdowns throughout VA-ONCE. For example, when adding a student or on the Student Select page.

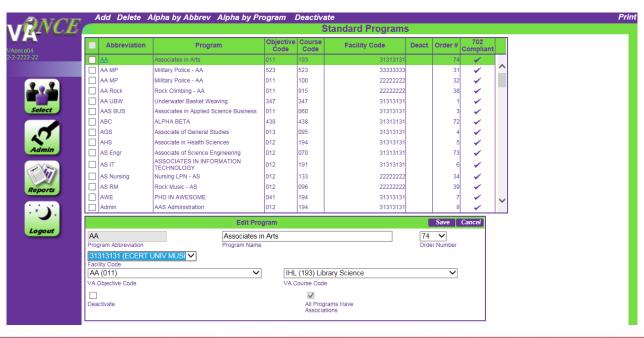




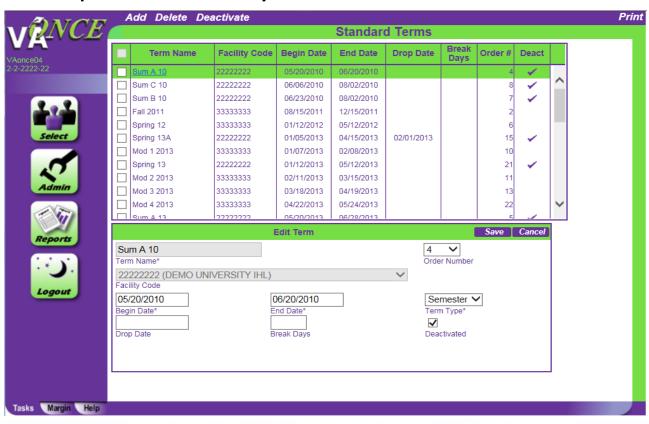
Standard Programs

The Standard Programs for all extension campus sub-facilities will "point" to the main campus facility. You will not need to add Standard Programs to the extension campus sub-facility code, and you will be unable to add programs exclusively to the extension campus sub-facility code. All programs must be approved through the main campus and entered under the main campus facility

code.



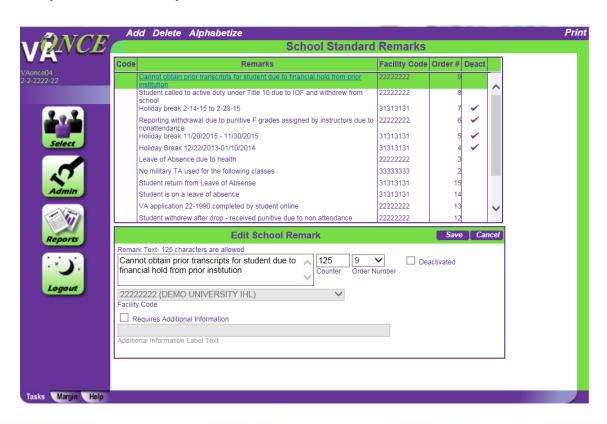
Like Standard Programs, the extension campus sub-facility code will use the Standard Terms of the main campus facility code. You will not need to, or be able to, add term dates at only the extension campus sub-facility code.





School Standard Remarks

Like Standard Programs & Terms, the extension campus sub-facility will use the School Standard Remarks of the main campus facility. If a remark is needed specific to the extension, it can be added to the main campus facility.

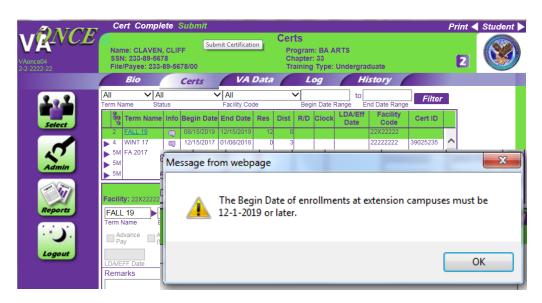




Certifying Enrollments on or after 12/1/2019

You will be able to certify terms with a begin date on or after 12/1/19 at the extension campus sub-facility code. There will be an edit which will prevent you from submitting terms with a begin date prior to 12/1/19.

Past terms that need to be re-certified due to the student attending the extension campus will be addressed in a future release.



SCENARIOS

- •For the purposes of the following scenarios:
 - Fall Semester = Terms starting 8/1 or later
 - Spring Semester = Terms starting 1/1 or later



Scenario 1: Potential Extension Campus across State Lines

Scenario 1:

 A Pennsylvania main campus has a facility in Ohio that meets the VA definition of an extension campus.

Question:

Can this extension campus be approved?



Scenario 1: Potential Extension Campus across State Lines

Outcome:

No. Extension campuses are not approvable across states lines. In order to be approved, there must be a main or branch campus with administrative capabilities located in the same state as the extension campus providing residence training.



Scenario 2: Student Taking Majority of Courses on Campus

ِثُاثِ Scenario 2:

- Jennifer is attending a veterinarian program for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 term at IHL University. She is taking 9 credit hours for both terms.
 - First semester, she is taking 5 credits at the University's medical campus. The remaining 4 credits are being taken at a local hospital.
 - Second semester, all the classes she attends are on the main campus.

LOCATION	FACILITY CODE	TERM START DATE	TERM END DATE	CREDIT HRS	MHA RATE
IHL University (Fall)	14953440	8/1/2019	12/15/2019	5	\$1,200
Hospital	14X00140	8/1/2019	12/15/2019	4	\$1,100
IHL University (Spring)	14953440	1/15/2020	5/14/2020	9	\$1,200



Scenario 2: Student Taking Majority of Courses on Campus

Question:

- To what location should Jennifer's enrollment starting on 1/15/2020 be certified?
- What MHA rates should she receive for the Fall semester (8/1/2019 12/15/2019)?



Scenario 2: Student Taking Majority of Courses on Campus

Outcome:

Jennifer is taking the majority of her Spring semester credits at IHL University's main campus. Her enrollment should be certified to the main campus.

She is taking the majority of her credits for the fall semester and all of her credits for the semester starting 1/15/2020 at the main campus. Jennifer should receive \$1,200 for both.

Slide Reference(s): 7



Scenario 3: Student Taking Majority of Courses off Campus

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• Jerome is starting an engineering program for the semester starting 08/01/2020 at IHL University. He is taking 9 semester hours total; 4 of which are located at the University's Engineering Building on the main campus and 5 of which are being taken at a local engineering center.

LOCATION	FACILITY CODE	TERM START DATE	TERM END DATE	CREDIT HRS	MHA RATE
IHL University	14953440	8/1/2020	12/15/20	4	\$1,200
Engineering Center	14X00240	8/1/2020	12/15/20	5	\$1,100

Questions:

- Do both of these enrollments need to be certified?
- What MHA rate will Jerome receive for this term?



Scenario 3: Student Taking Majority of Courses off Campus

Outcome:

Yes, both enrollments will need to be certified.

Since this is Jerome's first enrollment and the majority of his courses are being taken at the local engineering center, Jerome will receive \$1,100.

Slide Reference(s): 7, 20



Scenario 4: Majority of Courses – Most Advantageous

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• Billy is attending a teaching program for the spring term beginning 1/15/20 at IHL University. He is taking 12 credit hours total, 6 of which are located at the University's main campus and 6 of which are required electives taught at the nearby approved middle school extension campus in a different zip code.

LOCATION	FACILITY CODE	TERM START DATE	TERM END DATE	CREDIT HRS	MHA RATE
IHL University (Spring)	14953440	1/15/2020	5/14/2020	6	\$1,200
Middle School	14X00340	1/15/2020	5/14/2020	6	\$1,100

Question:

- •Does an enrollment need to be certified for both locations?
- •What rate will Billy receive?



Scenario 4: Majority of Courses – Most Advantageous

Outcome:

Billy is taking the same amount of credits at both locations for this term. Two enrollments must be certified – one for the credits he is taking at the main campus and one for the credits he is taking at the approved extension campus middle school.

Billy should receive the rate that is most advantageous: \$1,200.

Slide Reference(s): 7, 22



Scenario 5: Majority of Courses – Adjustment to a Term

Scenario 5:

- Michelle is attending a Psychology program for the term starting 8/1/19 at IHL University. She is taking 18 credits, of which 10 are taken on the main campus and 8 are taken at a research facility.
- Effective 10/12/19, Michelle withdraws from a course she is taking on the main campus worth 4 credit hours, reducing her total credit hours to 14.

LOCATION	FACILITY CODE	TERM START DATE	TERM END DATE	CREDIT HRS	MHA RATE
IHL University (Fall)	14953440	8/1/2019	12/15/2019	10	\$1,100
Research Facility	14X00440	8/1/2019	12/15/2019	8	\$1,200

IHL University (Fall) 14953440 8/1/2019 10/12/2019 6 Enrollment at Main Campus

Question:

 What location will Michelle's MHA payment be based off of after the adjustment?



Scenario 5: Majority of Courses – Amended Terms

Outcome:

At the start of the term, Michelle was taking the majority of her credits at the main campus. When she withdrew from 4 of the 10 credits she had enrolled for at the main campus, the 8 credits she was taking at the research facility became the location that she now was taking the majority of her credits.

Her MHA base rate will be based off of the research facility location. Michelle will receive \$1,100 from 8/1/2019 – 10/12/2019 and \$1,200 starting 10/13/2019.

Slide Reference(s): 7, 22

Pop Quiz

Open Forum

Next Steps



Upcoming Training & Information Sessions (1 of 3)

Event Name	Event Date/Time	Attendees
SCO Virtual	July 24, 2019	Region 1 SCOs
Webinar #1	11 AM – 12:30 PM Eastern	(Northeast)
SCO Virtual	July 24, 2019	Region 2 SCOs
Webinar # 2	2 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern	(Continental)
SCO Virtual	July 25, 2019	Region 3 SCOs
Webinar # 3	11AM – 12:30 PM Eastern	(Southeast)
SCO Virtual Webinar # 4	July 25, 2019 2 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern	Region 4 SCOs (Pacific)



Upcoming Training & Information Sessions (2 of 3)

Event Name	Event Date/Time	Attendees
Open House Feedback Sessions Day #1 (Virtual)	July 29, 10-11 AM Eastern July 29, 11:30-12:30 PM Eastern July 29, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern	SCOs
Open House Feedback Sessions Day #2 (Virtual and In-Person)	July 30, 10-11 AM Eastern July 30, 11:30-12:30 PM Eastern July 30, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern	SCOs
Open House Feedback Sessions Day #3 (Virtual and In-Person)	July 31, 10-11 AM Eastern July 31, 11:30-12:30 PM Eastern July 31, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern	SCOs



Upcoming Training & Information Sessions (3 of 3)

Event Name	Event Date/Time	Attendees
Open House Feedback	August 1, 10-11 AM Eastern	
Sessions Day #4	August 1, 11:30-12:30 PM Eastern	SCOs
(Virtual)	August 1, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern	
Open House Feedback	August 2, 10-11 AM Eastern	
Sessions Day #5	August 2, 11:30-12:30 PM Eastern	SCOs
(Virtual and In-Person)	August 2, 1:30-2:30 PM Eastern	

Stay tuned over the coming months as VA keeps steady communication with all stakeholder groups as we progress towards the 107/501 Go-Live.



Short Term: Continue to reach out to the Forever GI Bill inbox with questions or suggestions.



Short Term: Attend one of the Open Houses occurring 7/29 - 8/2.



Ongoing: VA will continue to communicate on upcoming changes through regular webinars, email, blog posts, etc.

THANK YOU!