

navigable channel. Because these restrictions will be in effect for a limited period, they should not result in a significant disruption of maritime traffic.

Dated: March 6, 1998.

**J.S. Carmichael,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting  
Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD 08-98-011]

#### **Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, New Orleans, LA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the L&N bascule drawbridge across the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, mile 2.9 at New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. to noon; and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday April 1, 1998 and Thursday April 2, 1998. Presently, the draw is required to open on signal. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the repairs to the handrails and sidewalk stringers damaged in a recent allision.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on April 1, 1998 through 5 p.m. on April 2, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (ob), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396, telephone number 504-589-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The L&N bascule drawbridge across the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, mile 2.9, in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of one foot above high water in the closed-to-navigation position and unlimited clearance in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists of tugs with small ships, tows, fishing vessels, sailing vessels, and other recreational craft. The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans sent a letter to the Coast Guard

requesting a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the bridge in order to accommodate the maintenance work. The maintenance work involves removing, repairing, and replacing the handrails and stringers damaged in a recent allision. This work is essential for the continued safe operation of the draw span.

This deviation allows the draw of the L&N bascule bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 1 and April 2. The bridge will open for the passage of vessels from noon to 1 p.m. on April 1 and April 2. The bridge will also open for the passage of vessels from 5 p.m. on April 1 until 8 a.m. on April 2. With the draw in the closed-to-navigation position, vessels requiring vertical clearances of greater than one foot above high water will be delayed a maximum of four hours.

This deviation will be effective from 8 a.m. April 1, 1998, through 5 p.m. April 2, 1998. Presently, the draw opens on signal at any time, as required by 33 CFR 117.5.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

**T.W. Josiah,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander,  
Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-AI58

#### **Veterans Education: Reduction in Required Reports**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the educational assistance and educational benefits regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It changes the nature of the information to be reported by veterans and servicemembers receiving educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty program and the number of reports required of educational institutions in which these veterans and servicemembers are enrolled. These changes will streamline the operation of this program, and reduce the information collection burden for this program, while maintaining the program's integrity.

**DATES:** Effective Date: April 23, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William G. Susling, Jr., Education

Advisor, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 202-273-7187.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a document published in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 1997 (62 FR 48969), VA proposed to amend the "All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty)" regulations set forth at 38 CFR part 21, subpart K. We proposed to reduce the number of reports required of a veteran pursuing a program of education under the Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB), and also to reduce the number of reports that an educational institution has to make to VA if it has veterans enrolled under the MGIB. In summary, a veteran would no longer have to submit a monthly verification of pursuit of a program of education if he or she either received an advance payment covering that month or received a lump sum payment for that month. In addition, neither the veteran nor the educational institution would have to report to VA if the veteran is enrolled as a full-time student for a standard term, and either increases or decreases the number of credit hours being pursued without changing his or her full-time student status.

Interested persons were given 60 days to submit comments. No comments were received. Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule, we are adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

Information collection and recordkeeping requirements associated with this final rule concerning requirements that in certain instances a veteran pursuing a program of education under the MGIB must verify pursuit monthly, in 38 CFR 21.7154 and 21.7156(a), have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) and have been assigned OMB control number 2900-0465.

Furthermore, information collection and recordkeeping requirements associated with this final rule concerning requirements for reporting changes in enrollment, which require that in most instances both veterans and educational institutions must report to VA without delay interruptions, terminations, or changes in hours of credit or attendance, in 38 CFR 21.7156(b), have been approved by OMB under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act and have been assigned OMB control number 2900-0156.

OMB assigns control numbers to collections of information it approves. VA may not conduct or sponsor, and

person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number assigned to each collection of information in this final rule is displayed at the end of each affected section of the regulations.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs hereby certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This final rule will have only minuscule effects on the activity of any educational institution. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this final rule, therefore, is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of §§ 603 and 604.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for the program affected by this final rule is 64.124.

### List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 21

Administrative practice and procedure, Armed forces, Civil rights, Claims, Colleges and universities, Conflict of interests, Defense Department, Education, Employment, Grant programs-education, Grant programs-veterans, Health care, Loan programs-education, Loan programs-veterans, Manpower training programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Schools, Travel and transportation expenses, Veterans, Vocational education, Vocational rehabilitation.

Approved: March 17, 1998.

**Togo D. West, Jr.,**  
Acting Secretary.

For the reasons set out above, 38 CFR part 21 (subpart K) is amended as set forth below:

## PART 21—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

### Subpart K—All Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty)

1. The authority citation for part 21, subpart K continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 501(a), chs. 30, 36, unless otherwise noted.

2. In § 21.7154, paragraphs (a) and (b) are redesignated as paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively; newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2)(i) is amended by removing “payment,” and adding, in its place, “payment;”; newly redesignated paragraph (b)(2)(ii) is amended by removing “period, and” and adding, in

its place, “period; and”; paragraph (a) is added, a parenthetical at the end of the section is added, and the introductory text for the section, the paragraph heading for newly redesignated paragraph (b), and newly redesignated paragraph (b)(1) are revised, to read as follows:

#### § 21.7154 Pursuit and absences.

Except as provided in this section, an individual must submit a verification to VA each month of his or her enrollment during the period for which the individual is to be paid. This verification shall be in a form prescribed by the Secretary.

(a) *Exceptions to the monthly verification requirement.* An individual does not have to submit a monthly verification as described in the introductory text of this section when the individual—

- (1) Is enrolled in a correspondence course;
- (2) Has received a lump-sum payment for the training completed during a month; or
- (3) Has received an advance payment for the training completed during a month.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3034, 3684)

(b) *Items to be reported on all monthly verifications.* (1) The monthly verification for all veterans and servicemembers will include a report on the following items when applicable:

- (i) Continued enrollment in and actual pursuit of the course;
- (ii) The individual's unsatisfactory conduct, progress, or attendance;
- (iii) The date of interruption or termination of training;
- (iv) Changes in the number of credit hours or in the number of clock hours of attendance other than those described in § 21.7156(a);
- (v) Nonpunitive grades; and
- (vi) Any other changes or modifications in the course as certified at enrollment.

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(The information collection requirements in this section have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 2900-0465.)

3. In § 21.7156, the introductory text and paragraph (a) introductory text are removed; paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (b), and (c) are redesignated as paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5), (c), and (d), respectively; newly redesignated paragraph (c)(2) is amended by removing “(b)(1)” and adding, in its place, “(c)(1)”; and the section heading is revised, paragraphs (a), (b)(1), and (b)(2) are added, a parenthetical at the end of the section is added, and newly

redesignated paragraph (b)(3) is revised, to read as follows:

#### § 21.7156 Other required reports.

(a) *Reports from veterans and servicemembers.* (1) A veteran or servicemember enrolled full time in a program of education for a standard term, quarter, or semester must report without delay to VA:

(i) A change in his or her credit hours or clock hours of attendance if that change would result in less than full-time enrollment;

(ii) Any change in his or her pursuit that would result in less than full-time enrollment; and

(iii) Any interruption or termination of his or her attendance.

(2) A veteran or servicemember not described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section must report without delay to VA:

(i) Any change in his or her credit hours or clock hours of attendance;

(ii) Any change in his or her pursuit; and

(iii) Any interruption or termination of his or her attendance.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3680(g))

(b) *Interruptions, terminations, or changes in hours of credit or attendance.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, an educational institution must report without delay to VA each time a veteran or servicemember:

(i) Interrupts or terminates his or her training for any reason; or

(ii) Changes his or her credit hours or clock hours of attendance.

(2) An educational institution does not need to report a change in a veteran's or servicemember's hours of credit or attendance when:

(i) The veteran or servicemember is enrolled full time in a program of education for a standard term, quarter, or semester before the change;

(ii) The veteran or servicemember continues to be enrolled full time after the change; and

(iii) The tuition and fees charged to the servicemember have not been adjusted as a result of the change.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3034, 3684)

(3) If the change in status or change in number of credit hours or clock hours of attendance occurs on a day other than one indicated by paragraph (b)(4) or (b)(5) of this section, the educational institution will initiate a report of the change in time for VA to receive it within 30 days of the date on which the change occurs.

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(The information collection requirements in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section have

been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control numbers 2900-0465 and 2900-0156, respectively.)

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 101

[WT Docket No. 94-148 and CC Docket No. 93-2; DA 98-349]

#### Conditional Authorization Authority to Common Carrier and Private Operational Fixed Microwave Services; Correction

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects portions of the Supplementary Information that was published in the **Federal Register** of March 5, 1998 (63 FR 10778).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shaun Maher of the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Communications Commission published a document amending § 101.31(e) of the Commission's rules to provide for conditional authorization in the 10.6-10.68 GHz band ("10 GHz band") under certain circumstances in the **Federal Register** of March 5, 1998, (63 FR 10778). This document corrects the Supplementary Information to give a brief statement of the reasons for expediting the effective date of § 101.31(e). In FR Doc. 98-5465, published on March 5, 1998, (63 FR 10778) make the following correction:

On page 10779, a new paragraph 5 is added and paragraphs 5 and 6 are redesignated as 6 and 7 to read as follows:

5. We believe that the public interest will be served by permitting microwave licensees in the 10 GHz band to avail themselves of conditional authorization authority at the earliest opportunity. Our decision here will allow for more rapid delivery of 10 GHz band microwave services to the marketplace. Because this rule modification will make the authorization process less restrictive, we, for good cause find that public notice and comment are unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. We also believe that 30-day advance publication of this amendment is likewise unnecessary and contrary to

the public interest. Thus, we shall make this amendment effective upon publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**. In addition, entities with 10 GHz band applications pending when this Order becomes effective may implement conditional authorization authority in accordance with Section 101.31 as amended herein.

### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 101

Communications equipment, Radio.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Daniel B. Phythyon,**

*Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.*

**Richard M. Smith,**

*Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 101

[CC Docket No. 92-297; FCC 98-15]

#### Reconsideration of the Rules and Policies for Local Multipoint Distribution Service; Correction.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission published in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 1998, a Third Order on Reconsideration (Third Reconsideration Order) in the Local Multipoint Distribution Service (LMDS) proceeding. The final rules included a date by which certain dismissed applications are permitted to be refiled. The date inadvertently was miscalculated and was misstated in various sections of the rules. This document corrects the date in the final rules.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Reideler or Jay Whaley, 202-418-1310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission published a Third Reconsideration Order in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 1998 (63 FR 9443, FR Doc. 98-4750), to be effective on April 27, 1998. The final rules included a date by which certain dismissed applications are permitted to be refiled under the terms and conditions of the Third Reconsideration Order. The date inadvertently was calculated as of 60 days from publication in the **Federal Register**, rather than 60 days from the effective date of the Third Reconsideration Order, which was the date adopted by the

Commission in the Third Reconsideration Order. The incorrect date was published in several sections of the final rules. This document corrects the final rules to conform the date with the Third Reconsideration Order, thereby changing the date from April 27, 1998, to June 26, 1998.

On page 9448, in the final rules, correct the references to April 27, 1998, to read June 26, 1998, as follows:

1. Column 1, § 101.57, paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B), line 4.
2. Column 2, § 101.103, paragraph (b)(3), line 4.
3. Column 2, § 101.107, paragraph (a), footnote 8, line 5.
4. Column 2, § 101.113, paragraph (a), footnote 8, line 5.
5. Column 3, § 101.147, paragraph (a), footnote 16, line 5.
6. Column 3, § 101.147, introductory text of paragraph (u), line 10.
7. Column 3, § 101.803, paragraph (a), footnote 7, lines 5 and 11.
8. Column 3, § 101.803, paragraph (d), footnote 9, lines 5 and 11.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Magalie Roman Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### 48 CFR Parts 1832 and 1852

#### Contract Financing

AGENCY: Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule revises several subparts in NASA's Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NFS). This rule updates the designated points of responsibility to reflect the transfer of the finance policy function within the Headquarters Office of Procurement. This rule also provides clarification to ease the use of the NFS and reflects the extension of certain Agency class deviations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Le Cren, Telephone: (202) 358-0444.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The NASA Office of Procurement has undergone reorganization, resulting in the transfer of the policy responsibility