

DoD MOU

Automated Tuition Rate Tool

September 25, 2015

Dear Participating Institution,

The Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) application system will soon be upgraded with a new tool that automates and streamlines the upload of program and associated tuition rate and fee information (initial launch October 1, 2015). This newest tool is part of the Department's plans to enhance oversight of the educational programs offered to our Service members and strengthen the integrity of the DoD Tuition Assistance program.

This initiative also supports the President's Executive Order 13607 and Principles of Excellence call to provide military and veteran student access to meaningful information on educational institutions that they may be considering, enabling informed choices on schools and education programs. By allowing institutions to submit program-level detail into the MOU application, the application system and annual reporting requirements for tuition assistance (TA) eligible programs and associated tuition rates and fees will be greatly enhanced.

Institutions will benefit from the tool's enhance reporting process, centralize repository for program and associated tuition and fee information, upload capability for data entry, and automated reporting requirement (i.e., 90 day notice of tuition rate changes). Additionally, military students will benefit from counseling sessions augmented with more precise information about costs without having to search through cumbersome pdf or Word files or the vast information available online. To make it even simpler for Service members to access this information, DoD plans to make this data accessible through our new information and comparison tool, called TA DECIDE (www.dodmou.com/tadecide).

All educational institutions with an existing DoD MOU will be able to access the new tool on October 1, 2015.

Subsequent to this date, use of this tool will be mandatory to renew expiring MOU applications and to update expiring/expired tuition rate documentation. All participating institutions are highly encouraged to complete this process well in advance of such mandatory transitions, however. For planning purposes, conversion to the automated tool by all participating institutions is anticipated in spring 2016. Reminder messages will be sent periodically during the fall and after the holidays as the mandatory transition date approaches.

On October 1, 2015, institutions with an existing DoD MOU may begin using the new tool by logging into their dashboard at www.dodmou.com and clicking on the institution name. Participating institutions are encouraged to review and update all information in the existing application. The new features are listed under the TA Eligible Programs tab and Tuition Rates/Fees tab. Once all updates are complete, clicking "Submit Application" finalizes the submission and forwards it for review.

We appreciate your continued DoD MOU partnership in support of our Service members as they pursue their personal and professional educational pursuits. For assistance, please contact the DoD MOU Team at email: voledconcerns@navy.mil or 850.452.1977.

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The new automated tuition rate tool will also provide meaningful information to students about the financial costs of attendance at institutions participating in the DoD TA program. To make it even simpler for Service members to access this information, DoD plans to make this data accessible through our new information and comparison tool, called TA DECIDE (www.dodmou.com/tadecide).

On October 1, 2015, *all institutions whose applications are in process but not yet finalized* will be required to re-initiate their applications using the enhanced tool providing program and associated tuition rates and fees. Applicants may do so by logging into the dashboard at www.dodmou.com and clicking on the institution name. During this review, applicants are encouraged to review and update all information in the existing application. Once all updates are complete, clicking “Submit Application” finalizes the application and submits it for review.

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