



# Student Experience Timeline

- **VA begins processing applications for Certificates of Eligibility** **May 1, 2009**
  - Eligibility data provided from DoD via existing feed
  - VA mails C of E to student showing:
    - Months of entitlement
    - Tier of eligibility
    - Delimiting date
  
- **Veteran enrolls in school and provides C of E to school** **May-Jul 2009**
  
- **VA begins accepting enrollment information from schools** **Jul 6, 2009**
  - School reports enrollment and charges to VA via existing mechanism (VAOnce)
  
- **VA begins processing claims** **Jul 6, 2009**
  - VA pays first tuition and fees payments to schools Aug 3, 2009
  - VA pays first books and supplies stipend to student Aug 3, 2009
  - VA provides notice to student of:
    - Tuition and fee payment amount
    - Book stipend payment amount
    - Monthly housing payment amount
    - Need to notify VA of changes in enrollment
    - Obligation to repay any O/P resulting from changes in training
  
- **VA pays partial housing allowance for August attendance** **Sep 1, 2009**
- **VA pays first full monthly housing allowance** **Oct 1, 2009**



# Elections – What should a vet consider?

- Which benefit pays *them* more?
  - Are they receiving other aid?
    - Will entitlement to that aid change?
  - What Chap 33 tier are they eligible for?
  - Generally, if BAH exceeds current monthly benefit, they gain under Chap 33.
- What type of training
  - On-line?
  - Covered under Chap 33?
- Is delimiting date important to them?
- On active duty on 8-1-09?
  - Eligible for T of E? Want to transfer?
- Does the vet have remaining entitlement under other VA Edu Programs?
  - Use that entitlement for using Post-9/11 GI Bill?



# References

- GI Bill Website ([www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov))
  - Sign up for FAQ updates!
- GI Bill Hotline: 1-888-GIBILL-1