In summary, Public Law 117-68 adds Chapter 35 recipients to individuals required to receive the in-state resident tuition rate effective August 1, 2022.

As amended, 38 U.S.C. 3679(c) requires that all of the following individuals be charged the in-state resident rate:

- A Veteran using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill® – Active Duty Program), Chapter 31 (Veteran Readiness & Employment) or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill®), of 38 U.S.C. who lives in the state in which the institution is located (regardless of their formal state of residence).

- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in the state in which the institution is located (regardless of their formal state of residence).

- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9) who lives in the state in which the institution is located (regardless of their formal state of residence).

- Anyone using Chapter 35 (Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program) benefits who lives in the state in which the institution is located (regardless of their formal state of residence).

- Anyone described above while they remain continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same institution. The person so described must be using educational benefits under Chapter 30, Chapter 31, Chapter 33 or Chapter 35 of 38 U.S.C.

Federal law permits public institutions of higher education to require eligible Veterans, dependents, or individuals to demonstrate their intent to establish residency in the state by means other than satisfying a physical presence requirement. For example, institutions can request documentation such as a driver’s license, car registration or voter registration, signed lease, or rent receipt to help establish an applicant’s intent to establish residency in Massachusetts.

Please note that the federal law does not include a durational residency requirement, nor does it include a requirement that the eligible Veteran, dependent, or individual demonstrate intent to remain in Massachusetts indefinitely. Finally, please note that the federal law does not bar institutions from requiring the eligible Veteran, dependent, or individual to meet other requirements, unrelated to residency, in order to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate.

Public institutions of higher education are required to make this in-state tuition applicability to covered individuals publicly available in their academic catalogs and on their websites. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (“VA”) will make publicly available on its website a database explaining any public institution’s requirements for beneficiaries to be charged in-state tuition.

Any institution found not to be in compliance with the requirements of Public Law 117-68 by August 1, 2022, will be disapproved by VA for the Chapter 33 Post-9/11 G.I. Bill®, Chapter 30 Montgomery G.I. Bill®-Active Duty Program, Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program and Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E).
Veterans Service

Harry W. Colmery Educational Assistance Act of 2017

WSU adheres to the Harry W. Colmery Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Forever GI Bill®) - Section 107. Below is a list of addresses including zip codes of any location where a student may physically take classes other than the address approved under Worcester State University’s VA-assigned facility code and approved by the Massachusetts State Approving Agency. This list can be found below and at https://www.worcester.edu/Military-and-Veteran-Students/.

- Aids Project Worcester-nature of site-Practicum
  85 Green Street, Worcester, MA 01604
- Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital-nature of site-Clinical
  189 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
- Saint Francis Rehabilitation Center-nature of site-Clinical
  101 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA 01604
- Sterling Village-nature of site-Clinical
  18 Dana Hill Road, Sterling, MA 01564
- University of Massachusetts Medical School-nature of site-Practicum
  55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01609
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute-nature of site-ROTC
  100 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609
- United Nations Association of Greater Boston-nature of site-Internship
  85 Devonshire Street #1000, Boston, MA 02109
- Hostal Dona Chava-nature of site-Field work
  Calle 2da NO,5, Pedernales 84000
  Dominican Republic
- May Street School-nature of site-Practicum
  265 May Street, Worcester, MA 01602
- Doherty Memorial High School-nature of site-Practicum
  299 Highland Street, Worcester, MA 01602
- Family Behavioral Health, Inc.-nature of site-Internship
  387 Main Street, Oxford, MA 01540
- Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation-nature of site-Internship
  783 Southbridge Street, Auburn, MA 01501
- Autism Links-nature of site-Internship
  377 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester, MA 01608
- Machado Consulting, Inc.-nature of site-Internship
  32 Franklin Street, 5th floor, Worcester, MA 01608
- Sullivan Middle School-nature of site-Practicum
  140 Apricot Street, Worcester, MA 01603
- Goddard School of Science & Technology-nature of site-Internship
  14 Richard Street, Worcester, MA 01603
- Ware Police Department-nature of site-Internship
  22 North Street, Ware, MA 01082

Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

For Veterans using Chapter 31 and Chapter 33 VA benefits, Worcester State University adheres to S2248 PL 115-407 Section 103. For Chapter 33 to be considered a "covered individual" under the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act 2018, the Veteran or other eligible beneficiary must provide a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or statement of benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs prior to the first day of classes. The Veteran or other eligible beneficiary must complete a Worcester State University Veteran In-House form to have their VA educational benefits certified for the semester. The Veteran or other eligible beneficiary may be required to provide additional information necessary to properly certify their enrollment by the educational institution. For Chapter 31, the School Certifying Official must receive an authorization from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Worcester State University will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 except for the amounts not covered by the COE, statement of benefit, or the authorization. Refer to the Worcester State University payment policy.