**Training Notification: Revision of the VA Form 22-1990 – “Application for VA Education Benefits”**

October 4, 2016

**Background:** The Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990) was recently revised. The Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) has also been updated to reflect the changes and will be released on October 3, 2016.

**Purpose:** To inform the Regional Processing Offices (RPOs) of the changes to the VA Form 22‑1990. These changes are identified below and are intended to underscore the important changes and critical points. Please pay close attention to the instructions in **Part IV- Service Information, block 14, as improper processing may occur**.

1. In **Part II –** **Education Benefits Being Applied For:**
   * The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP / Chapter 1607) benefit program has been removed and the rest of the section was re-numbered
   * A bullet was added to the new 9E (Formerly 9F) pointing out when applicants will be eligible to receive a Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30) or Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) kicker
   * There are no changes to processing as a result of these updates to the application
2. In **Part IV –** **Service Information**

* Special attention needs to be given to block 14:

“VA will assume that you want us to apply every period of service that you have identified in Item 13 above to the single, specific benefit you are applying for in Part II (the benefit chosen between Items 9A thru 9D). However, if there are specific periods of service that you do not want applied to the benefit selected in Part II (the benefit chosen between Items 9A thru 9D), then please identify in the space below the periods of service and the corresponding benefit program(s) to which you would like them applied”.

* + Therefore, you should apply all periods of service to the single benefit selected in block 9 unless instructed to do otherwise by the Veteran in block 14.

**NOTE:** Training for “Non-Duplication of Eligibility and Benefit Payments” was added to the VBA Learning Catalog in the Talent Management System (TMS) on February 25, 2016. Please see your Training Coordinator(s) for any training inquiries.

**Questions:** If you have any training related questions, please direct them to the National Training Team via email at [VAVBAWAS/CO/225A](mailto:VAVBAWAS/CO/225A%20%3c225A.VBACO@va.gov%3e).