Education Service

**Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act**

**Section 110 of PL 115-48**

Additional Authorized Transfer of Unused Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Benefits to Dependents Upon Death of Originally Designated Dependent

Lesson Plan



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Version 1.0

Lesson Overview

| Topic | Description |
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| Time Estimate: | 1 Hour |
| Purpose of the Lesson: | Provide guidance to the Regional Processing Offices (RPOs) to ensure proper handling and processing of Transfer of Unused Entitlement under Section 110 of PL 115-48, the Colmery Act, Forever GI Bill |
| Prerequisite Training Requirements: | The following prerequisite training is required:  None |
| Target Audience: | Entry-level, intermediate, or journey-level Veterans Claims Examiners (VCE), Education Case Managers (ECM), Education Call Center Technicians (ECCT) and their supervisors. |
| Lesson References: | The following references support the lesson content:   * [Harry W Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3218/text/pl?overview=closed) * [38 USC 3319: Authority to Transfer Unused Education Benefits to Family Members](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title38-section3511&num=0&edition=prelim) * [Harry W Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017](https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3218/text/pl?overview=closed) * [M22-4](https://vaww.vrm.km.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_kanew/help/agent/locale/en-US/portal/554400000001048/content/554400000073682/Part%207:%20Chapter%202%20-%20BDN%20Processing) * [RAPIDS site locator](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/appj/site?execution=e1s1) * [milConnect](https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/) * BEAST User Guide |
| Lesson Objectives: | * Understand the modifications for Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) afforded under Section 110 of the Colmery Act * Understand the different methods to request TOE under Sec 110 * Implement temporary work-around to make adjustments in the Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) |
| What You Need: | The Section 110 PowerPoint, associated June 20, 2018 Procedural Advisory: Overview and Processing Guidance for Sections 110 of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, Proposed 110 Flowchart and BEAST User Guide |

Instructor Notes

The lesson will to provide guidance for proper processing of transfer of entitlement by Veteran, Servicemember or Dependent under Section 110 of PL 115-48, the Colmery Act, Forever GI Bill. There are scenarios used and opportunities for comprehension checks throughout the lesson.

| PowerPoint Slides | Instructor Activities |
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|  | **DISPLAY** slide **1**  **INTRODUCE** yourself as the instructor and introduce any fellow instructors.  **INTRODUCE** the lesson. |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **2**  **READ** the lesson Objectives |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **3**  **DEFINE the** Legislation as Section 110 of the Harry W. Colmery Act which now allows new dependents to be added after service if a Veteran or dependent qualifies. |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **4**  **DISCUSS the modifications afforded under Sec 110** |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **5**  **DISCUSS** the transfer of unused entitlement upon the death of the dependent |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **6**  **DISCUSS** the transfer of unused entitlement by a dependent upon the death of the Veteran or Servicemember who originally transferred entitlement |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **7**  **REVIEW** the key points of the modifications |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **8**  **DISCUSS** that method Servicemembers and Veterans must use to submit SEC 110 TOE requests beginning August 1, 2018 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **9**  **DISCUSS** that method dependents must use to submit SEC 110 TOE requests beginning August 1, 2018 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **10**  **EXPLAIN** the effective dates as they related to eligible deaths and use of entitlement |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **11**  **INFORM** that there is a workaround in Benefits Delivery Network (BDN) to update the date of death notice to make changes to the master record |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **12**  **INFORM** students of the steps take in BDN to remove the date of death. |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **13**  **DIRECT** students to Date of Death entry where update will need to be made to process TOE under SEC 110 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **14**  **EXPRESS** the importance of using the proper method to submit TOE requests under SEC 110 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **15** |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **16**  **EXPRESS** the importance of using the proper method to submit TOE requests under SEC 110 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **17**  **DISTINGUISH** the difference between the way a Servicemember or Veteran will submit a TOE request and the way a Dependent will submit a TOE request under SEC 110 |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **18**  **INFORM** participants of lesson references. |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **19**  **REVIEW** course objectives and covered topics |
|  | **DISPLAY** slide **20**  **ASK for questions on the topics discussed in this training and entertain responses. (If trainees are reluctant, propose questions yourself to begin the dialog.)**  **CLARIFY responses as needed and paraphrase question clearly for all to hear before providing a “correct” responses.**  **NOTE: Limit questions to scope of topic. Do not guess. Unless information is covered in the training, make note of question and provide a follow-up response to all trainees as soon as possible.** |
|  | **DISPLAY slide 21**  **CONFIRM** that thestudents know how to access the assessment and survey in TMS.  **EXPLAIN** that the assessment is TMS# and will cover what they learned in class today.  **REMIND** them that they must complete both the assessment and the survey to receive credit in TMS for their training.  **TELL** students that the survey provides them an opportunity to improve the training and that their feedback is welcome. |

Questions about this training should be directed through your supervisor and management or Training Coordinator to the [National Training Team](mailto:225A.VBACO@va.gov).