

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

DATE: March 25, 2021

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty

SUMMARY:

Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty, has been amended to address changes in section 1004.096, Florida Statutes from the 2020 legislative session and to implement the *Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations*. The proposed amendment guides the new statewide review process that will result in the equivalency list, while adding additional expectations for relevant institutional policies and procedures.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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6.013 Military Veterans and Active Duty

(1) Definition: For purposes of this regulation, “student(s)” shall mean any eligible student who are or was a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) College Credit for Military Training, and Education Courses, and Occupations.

(a) Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List.

1. Military experience equivalency shall be conducted in the manner specified in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations.

2. Universities shall provide nominations for State University System representation on Statewide Subject Area Discipline Committees in the manner specified by the Chancellor. Four members, plus two alternates, will be selected for each designated discipline committee and serve for two years. Membership preference, where possible, shall be given to faculty members who have experience in determining military experience equivalency for their discipline.

3. The Board of Governors shall consider for approval the annual Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List for use by State University System universities in evaluating military experience for postsecondary credit.

(b) Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation that establishes a policy and process that enables students who are or were eligible members of the United States Armed Forces to earn appropriate academic college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military.

(a) 1. The policy and process established by regulation shall specify the following.

a. 1. College credit will be granted to students with military experience in accordance with the standard process and considerations outlined in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations training or coursework that is recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) subject to regular institution transfer practices or limitations on amount, level, etc. of transfer credit. The process is subject to the same treatment as any other transfer credit evaluated;

b. 2. Students with military experience noted in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Experience Equivalency List in effect at the time experience is evaluated for equivalency shall be awarded credit. Utilization of the ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services in order to determine equivalency and alignment of military coursework with appropriate university courses;

c. 3. If the course to which the military training or coursework is equivalent fulfills a general education or major course or degree program requirement at the receiving institution, the credit should be considered as meeting the

requirement(s). Otherwise, appropriate course credit, including free elective course credit will be granted.

- ~~d.4. Transfer credit awarded by a Florida public postsecondary degree granting institution that is applicable toward the student's major Credit that was previously evaluated and awarded by a college degree granting institution, and that is appropriate to the transfer student's major at the university, shall~~ should be accepted, subject to the receiving institution's limit on the amount and level of transfer credit allowed for a given degree. Credits awarded by all other postsecondary institutions shall be accepted if those credits are consistent with the current *Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit for Military Training Equivalency List*.
- ~~(b)2.~~ Credit awarded for military education and training shall be noted on the ~~veteran~~ student's transcript and documentation of the credit equivalency evaluation shall be maintained in the student's ~~veteran's~~ file.
- ~~(c)3.~~ Each university shall publish ~~provide~~ a copy of the policy and process on the university registrar's webpage ~~site~~ and within its university catalogs.
- ~~(d)4.~~ Credit awarded for military education and training shall not be counted in the excess hours fee per Board of Governors Regulation 7.003, ~~due to the credit being based on work accomplished while serving on active duty.~~

(3) Priority Course Registration for Veterans

- (a) Each university that offers priority course registration for a segment of the student population shall provide the same priority course registration for each student veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational benefits and for the spouse or dependent children of a veteran to whom the GI Bill education benefits have been transferred.

(4) Student Withdrawal from Courses Due to Military Service

- (a) **Withdrawal Due to Military Service.** Each university board of trustees shall adopt a regulation to provide that any student enrolled in a college credit course at a state university shall not incur academic or financial penalties by virtue of performing military service on behalf of our country. The regulation shall encourage withdrawal and possible eligible refund without academic penalty except in cases where the student and faculty member agree that completion is imminent and possible. If the course is no longer offered when the student seeks to resume study, an equivalent course may be selected. If the student chooses to withdraw, the student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service.
- (b) The provisions of this subsection and related university regulations shall apply to:
1. Students who are currently on active duty with any unit of the United States Armed Forces who receive orders that require reassignment to a different duty station or absence from class for an extended period of time during the semester in which they are enrolled; and
 2. Students who are members of a National Guard, Air National Guard, or other military reserve unit who receive orders calling them to active duty for operational or training purposes during the semester in which they are

- enrolled, excluding any regularly scheduled weekend and annual training duty; and
3. Students who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces and who are recalled to active duty during the semester in which they are enrolled; and
 4. Students who enlist in any branch of the United States Armed Forces and whose induction date falls within the semester in which they are enrolled.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; Section 39.205, Fla. Stat.; History: New 11-08-12, Amended 11-3-16. Amended