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Presidents
University System of Georgia
sent via email

Dear Presidents:

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on January 9, 2019, in Atlanta, Georgia. During this meeting, revisions were made to the following Board of Regents' Policy:

Finance and Business

- **Board Policy 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans**

Attached as an Exhibit is a document that sets forth the rationale for the policy edits; the effective date of the policy edits; and the edited policy language, as approved by the Board of Regents.

Please share widely with the appropriate offices on your campus to include Academic Affairs, Fiscal Affairs, and Student Affairs.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Wrigley
Chancellor

Enclosure

cc: Tricia Chastain, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration
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Institutional Vice President of Student Affairs
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Institutional Legal Officers
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Exhibit
BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL
Revised Policy and Background Information
Meeting of January 9, 2019

I. Revision of Board Policy 7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans

A. Background:

The Board of Regents waives mandatory fees for Georgia residents who are members of the Georgia National Guard or active members of the U.S. Military Reserves and were deployed overseas in a combat zone on or after September 11, 2001. The policy also requires 181 days of consecutive overseas service or other conditions tied to an injury. However, certain military services such as the Air Force engage in frequent rotations but the deployment period may be 90 to 120 days. As a result, an Air Force member may deploy multiple times but never serve 181 days of consecutive overseas service. This policy revision addresses this concern by reducing the number of overseas days to 90 served either during the same period or cumulatively. Other revisions simplify Policy language and do not substantively alter the intent of the policy.

Questions regarding this policy provision should be directed to Dr. David Snow, Director of Military Affairs, at (404) 962-3082, david.snow@usg.edu or Mr. Jason Matt, Executive Budget Manager, at (404) 962-3212, jason.matt@usg.edu.

B. Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy change is Fall 2019

C. Changes to Board Policy 7.3.4.3 Shown with Markup

7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans

Eligibility

~~Eligible participants must be~~ Georgia residents who are active members of the U.S. Military Reserves or the Georgia National Guard, and were deployed overseas for active service in a location or locations designated by the U.S. Department of Defense as combat zones on or after September 11, 2001, ~~and served~~ shall receive a waiver of all mandatory fees upon meeting one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Served for a ~~consecutive~~ cumulative period or periods totaling ninety (90) ~~of 181~~ days in a combat zone; or
2. Received full disability as a result of injuries received in such combat zone; or

3. Were evacuated from such combat zone due to severe injuries during any period of time while on active service.

Additionally, eligible participants must meet the admissions requirements of the applicable USG institution and be accepted for admission.

Benefits

~~Eligible participants shall receive a waiver of all mandatory fees.~~ Students receiving this waiver shall be eligible to use the services and facilities these fees are used to provide, ~~except for mandatory food service fees.~~ This waiver shall not apply to housing, elective food service, any other elective fees, special fees, or other user fees and charges (e.g., application fees).

D. Proposed New Policy

7.3.4.3 Waiver of Mandatory Fees for U.S. Military Reserve and Georgia National Guard Combat Veterans

Georgia residents who are active members of the U.S. Military Reserves or the Georgia National Guard, and were deployed overseas for active service in a location or locations designated by the U.S. Department of Defense as combat zones on or after September 11, 2001, shall receive a waiver of all mandatory fees upon meeting one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Served for a cumulative period or periods totaling ninety (90) days in a combat zone; or
2. Received full disability as a result of injuries received in such combat zone; or
3. Were evacuated from such combat zone due to severe injuries during any period of time while on active service.

Eligible participants must meet the admissions requirements of the applicable USG institution and be accepted for admission. Students receiving this waiver shall be eligible to use the services and facilities these fees are used to provide. This waiver shall not apply to housing, elective food service, any other elective fees, special fees, or other user fees and charges (e.g., application fees).