

Overpayment and Debt Information —

Occasionally some situations require SDI to adjust information previously submitted to VA for the GI Bill according to specific VA guidelines. This may include but is not limited to: When schedules update and/or when a student is withdrawn from a class after they have posted attendance.

This may sometimes lead to a debt<u>owed back to VA, from the **student**, for an overpayment sent directly to the student.</u>

SDI wants to ensure our Veterans know their options when these scenarios arise.

Please note: VA may not identify a debt until 30- 60 days After SDI has made any adjustments to the certifications.

Debt Relief Options:

Since the student debt would be with VA, the VA Beneficiary would need to make arrangements with <u>Debt Management</u>. Doing nothing could result in an unexpected benefit offset from future payments.

There is a **Debt Portal** for students: https://www.va.gov/manage-va-debtLinks to an external site.

VA Beneficiaries can log in to view Balances and Debt Management Center Letters

Debt Management phone number for students 800-827-0648

Or to request one of the below options in writing: https://ask.va.gov/Links to an external site.

Student Options for debts to VA:

- Pay in full
- Request a Repayment Plan
- Reduced Benefit Offset
- Dispute the debt Documentation of mitigating circumstances will help

If a VA Beneficiary is experiencing financial hardship – Debt Management can provide continued relief options:

- Request debt forgiveness through the waiver process
- Submit a compromise offer to settle the debt for less than the total amount
- Request a temporary hardship