



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

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Veterans Tuition Gap Program Allowance

Board of Higher Education Rule [R765-611-4\(5\)\(b\)](#) requires the Board of Higher Education to establish a “maximum award amount” for the Veterans Tuition Gap Program. Awards may fund up to the cost of tuition, fees, books, education-related supplies, and a housing allowance, as allowed by the state’s *Veterans Tuition Gap Program Act*. Board Rule [R765-611-4](#) allows the Commissioner’s office to establish limits on education-related supplies and housing based on available funding and program demand.

Prior to 2023, statute required institutions to limit program eligibility to twelve months. [H.B. 197](#) in the 2023 General Session replaced this statutory time requirement with a “maximum amount” set by the Board. The bill also added “education-related supplies and a housing allowance” as eligible expenses covered by the award. Establishing a maximum award amount of expenses incurred during a rolling 12-month period will allow the Commissioner’s office to evaluate the financial impact of the statutory changes.

Commissioner’s Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board of Higher Education establish the “maximum award amount” for the Veterans Tuition Gap Program at eligible expenses in one rolling calendar year beginning with the start of the initial semester for which an eligible student receives a program grant.