

[PVAO DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 157, October 08, 2002]

**AMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTAL OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7696, RE "AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE
BENEFITS OF MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS"**

These rules and regulations are hereby promulgated amending Department Order No. A-049 dated May 20, 1990 implemental of Republic Act No. 6948 dated April 9, 1990, as amended by Republic Act No. 7696 dated April 9, 1994.

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**Part II
EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

SECTION 13. Eligibility. — The following persons who have never heretofore enjoyed educational benefit under Philippine law nor under United States law, who desires to study, shall, upon certification of the Administrator, be admitted to any school, college, university or institution authorized by the Government, with all school fees, including tuition, matriculation, athletic, library, laboratory, medical, military training, diploma and graduation fees, at the expense of the government, subject to the rules and conditions prescribed herein.

- a. Veterans of the Philippine revolution against Spain and the Philippine-American War.
- b. Veterans of the Philippine Army or of any recognized or deserving guerilla organization who took active participation in the resistance movement and/or in the liberation drive against the enemy during World War II from 8 December 1941 to 2 December 1945.
- c. Veterans of the Philippine Expeditionary Forces to Korea (PEFTOK) during the period from 15 September 1950 to 31 May 1955.
- d. Veterans of the Philippine Civic Action Group or Philippine Contingent in Vietnam (PHILCAG) during the period from 31 August 1964 to December 1969.
- e. The unremarried surviving spouse of the deceased veteran; or
- f. One (1) direct descendant of a veteran in whose favor he renounces such right to include: one (1) child of the veteran; or one (1) child of the deceased veteran in whose favor such right is applied for by the surviving spouse or legal guardian of such child; or one (1) child among the children of the deceased veteran from two or more marriages legally contracted by him, to be chosen by the Administrator; or one (1)

child of the deceased veteran to be chosen by the Administrator if both the veteran and his wife are deceased.

SECTION 14. Change of Grantee. — Waiver of a previously approved educational benefit shall, upon proper application therefor, be granted by the Administrator or in any of the following cases:

- a. Where the same has not been used by the original grantee and is being waived in favor of one (1) direct descendant of a veteran; or
- b. Where the benefit has been partially used and the previous grantee-user died while enjoying the educational benefit or for some reasons or causes beyond the grantee-user's control and deemed justified such as illness, transfer of military station or calamity may force him to discontinue studying, in which case the subsequent grantee is only entitled to the remaining period of entitlement.

SECTION 15. Period of Entitlement to Educational Benefit — Regardless of the length of wartime service, rank and category of a veteran, he or his qualified beneficiary is entitled to one basic course or degree:

- a. If the course requires two or three years of study, the grantee-user shall be awarded 30 months period of entitlement;
- b. If the course requires four years of study, the grantee-user shall be awarded 40 months period of entitlement;
- c. If the course requires five years of study, the grantee-user shall be awarded 50 months period of entitlement.

In no case shall the educational benefit be extended beyond the period of entitlement awarded.

SECTION 16. Effectivity of Educational Benefit. — Any and all awards of educational benefit, whether for initial enjoyment by the veteran, or waiver by the veteran in favor of one (1) direct descendant or waiver of the balance of the period of entitlement in favor of the veteran's direct descendant, or change of basic course or degree, shall take effect at the beginning of the semester, trimester, quarter or summer during which the educational benefit was approved, except in the following cases:

- a. Where the grantee-user fails to enroll after the release of the award, he may avail himself of the same in any subsequent semester, trimester, quarter, summer or school year;
- b. Where the grantee-user has been duly notified of the award but fails to comply with the requirements for the release thereof, the benefit shall take effect only in the semester, trimester, quarter, summer, or school year when the said award is released.

SECTION 17. Authorized Educational Institutions. — An authorized educational institution is any school, college, university, or institute recognized and/or permitted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). It does not include an institution operating either in Philippine territory or abroad by authority of the proper office or agency of a foreign government.