



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION ACCESS TO DOD INSTALLATIONS

Department of Defense (DoD) policy requires educational institutions that wish to participate in Voluntary Education Programs to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) conveying the commitments and agreements between the educational institution and DoD. Only educational institutions with a signed Voluntary Education Partnership MOU with DoD may be granted access to the DoD installation.

KEY MESSAGE: The department sponsors a robust compliance program which establishes access requirements and procedures, monitors, and enforces DoD installation access provisions through Change 3, DoDI 1322.25 and the signed MOU; ensuring Service members and their families have the information needed to make informed educational choices toward achieving significant personal and professional goals.



DISCUSSION POINTS:

- Defense Department policy (Change 3, DoDI 1322.25) allows educational institution access to DoD installations to provide on-installation programs, services, and education guidance to their students or to participate in sanctioned education fairs.
- A DoD installation is any active duty military, Reserve or National Guard owned, leased, or operated base, reservation, post, site, camp, building, or other facility to which DoD personnel are assigned for duty. This includes but is not limited to locations at an active duty military installation, Reserve and National Guard facility (state readiness center, armory, unit, etc.), or recruiting center (leased space inside a shopping mall or office building).
- Educational institutions may be allowed access to DoD installations for permissible activities if they meet all of these criteria.
 - Have a signed Voluntary Education Partnership MOU with DoD.
 - Are in compliance with state requirements and laws.
 - Are state-approved for the use of veterans' education benefits.
 - Are certified to participate in federal student aid programs through the Department of Education.
 - Are accredited by a national or regional accrediting body recognized by the Department of Education and conduct programs that support degree programs from that institution.
- Educational institutions with a signed Voluntary Education Partnership MOU agree to promote compliance with "Principles of Excellence" to include:
 - Providing meaningful information about the financial cost and quality of the school;
 - Preventing abusive and deceptive recruiting practices; and
 - Providing high-quality academic and student support services
- The requirement to establish new uniform rules and strengthen existing procedures for access to military installations by education institutions is in direct support of the President's Executive Order 13607 and Principles of Excellence.

DoD manages installation access for approximately 270 education sites worldwide and MOU compliance efforts for over 2,640 educational institutions.

In Fiscal 2014:

- 809,000 Service members participated in voluntary education programs (tuition assistance, alternative testing programs, and counseling)
- 341,000 Service members enrolled in postsecondary courses earning nearly 48,000 college degrees and more than 2,000 certificates.

All requests for DoD installation access by an educational institution are the responsibility of the designated education advisor (government official).

Access provisions apply to the educational institution itself and its agents including third party lead generators, marketing firms, or companies that own or operate the educational institution.