



**Chapter 33 Education Benefit - Summer 2021
Rate of Pursuit & Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Eligibility**

Session	Start Date	End Date	Credits	Days Per Term	Weeks Per Term	Rate of Pursuit
5 Week 1	5/17/2021	6/21/2021	1	36	5	30%
5 Week 1	5/17/2021	6/21/2021	2	36	5	60%
5 Week 1	5/17/2021	6/21/2021	3	36	5	90%
5 Week 1	5/17/2021	6/21/2021	4	36	5	100%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	1	55	8	19%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	2	55	8	38%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	3	55	8	56%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	4	55	8	75%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	5	55	8	94%
8 Week	6/3/2021	7/27/2021	6	55	8	100%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	1	71	10	15%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	2	71	10	30%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	3	71	10	45%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	4	71	10	60%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	5	71	10	75%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	6	71	10	90%
10 Week	5/17/2021	7/26/2021	7	71	10	100%
5 Week 2	6/22/2021	7/26/2021	1	35	5	30%
5 Week 2	6/22/2021	7/26/2021	2	35	5	60%
5 Week 2	6/22/2021	7/26/2021	3	35	5	90%
5 Week 2	6/22/2021	7/26/2021	4	35	5	100%

	100%		90%		80%		70%		60%	
	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily	Monthly	Daily
DOD Rate Began using benefit on or after 1/1/2018	\$1,542.00	\$51.40	\$1,387.80	\$46.26	\$1,233.60	\$41.12	\$1,079.40	\$35.98	\$925.20	\$30.84
VA Rate Began using benefit before 1/1/2018	\$1,634.00	\$54.46	\$1,470.60	\$49.02	\$1,307.20	\$43.57	\$1,143.80	\$38.12	\$980.40	\$32.68
All Distance	\$871.00	\$29.03	\$783.90	\$26.13	\$696.80	\$23.23	\$609.70	\$20.32	\$522.60	\$17.42

Assumes 100% length of service eligibility. Students with less eligibility will receive reduced benefits.

Distance - Paid when all classes are reported to the VA as Distance which includes all courses with section codes beginning with the letter "D". Students enrolled in at least one residential (on-campus) credit will receive the higher rate based on the date they began receiving Post-9/11 benefits while attending Thomas Nelson.

This information is provided for reference purposes only. Students are advised to contact the VA (1-888-442-4551) to confirm their benefit eligibility prior to the start of the term.



Understanding the BAH Eligibility Chart

The BAH Eligibility chart is a tool provided by Thomas Nelson Veteran Services to assist students using Post 9-11 VA Education Benefits estimate expected BAH based off enrollment. This tool will assist students with determining if enrollment in multiple sessions will afford them a 100% rate of pursuit. *Note: This is only an estimate. The VA determines a student’s rate of pursuit and BAH based off the enrollment certification submitted by the School Certifying Official. The VA will send a new Certificate of Eligibility to students each semester which outlines the expected BAH, Book Stipend, and remaining entitlement.*

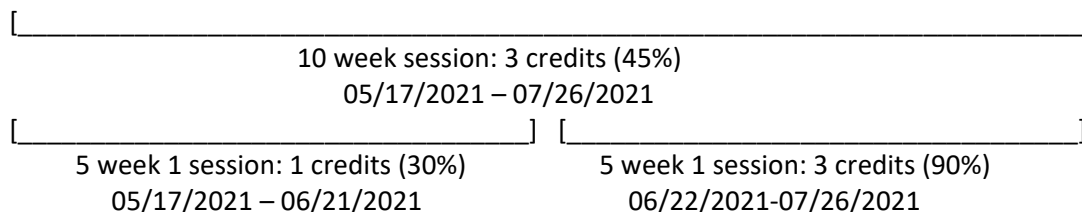
There are a few additional things to notice:

1. If a student takes all of their classes online, they receive a reduced BAH, which is shown under the row “All Distance”.
2. Taking just 1 residential class (in person) for the 16 week semester will afford you the residential rate, even if every other class is completed online.
3. The BAH rates shown are based upon 100% length of service eligibility. Students who have a lower length of service eligibility will need to reduce the BAH based upon this percentage.
4. The VA does not pay BAH for a rate of pursuit less than or equal to 50%.

In order to use the BAH Eligibility Chart to estimate rate of pursuit and the amount of BAH you are to receive, you will need to have your class schedule in front of you which includes the dates of your classes as well as the number of credits per class.

Under the column marked “Section” you will notice almost every variation of semesters Thomas Nelson provides. Each of these sessions is viewed by VA as a separate term. If you are unsure which session your classes fall in, the start date and finish date are available for you to match your class with the start and end dates for each session. The next column will show you the number of credits per session. You will need to choose the row that matches the number of credits you are taking for that session. The last column shows you the rate of pursuit percentage.

The easiest way to make sense of the BAH Eligibility Chart is to draw a figure similar to the one below if you are taking classes in multiple sessions. In our example, a student began using their Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits after January 1, 2018. For the Summer 2021 semester, they are enrolled in a 10 week residential course worth 3 credits, a 5 week 1 online course worth 1 credit, and a 5 week 2 course worth 3 credits.



Next, you need to do some simple math by adding the rate of pursuit percentage during concurrent sessions and rounding to obtain the rate of pursuit for estimated BAH calculations. In this example, adding the percentage of the 10 week session rate of pursuit with the 5 week 1 rate of pursuit equals 75%. This means that from 5/17/2021 to 6/21/2021 the rate of pursuit will be 80%. When the 5 week 1 session ends, you will then add the rate of pursuit for the 10 week and 5 week 2 sessions, 45% + 90% = 135% which indicates a 100% rate of pursuit for BAH calculations as the VA does not pay more than 100% rate of pursuit.

Please contact Thomas Nelson Veteran Services at 757-825-3442 or va@tncc.edu if you have any questions regarding your benefits and rate of pursuit.