

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy - 2.2.4



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure UAMS is in compliance with Arkansas Code, Title 6-61-112, concerning a student or a student's spouse called into military service.

POLICY

In accordance with Arkansas State Code 6-61-112, when a student or a student's spouse is activated for full-time military service during a time of national crisis and is required to cease attending the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) without completing and receiving a grade in one or more courses, they shall receive compensation for the resulting monetary loss as provided under this policy. The student must cease attendance because:

1. The student is activated or deployed by the military.
2. The student's spouse is activated or deployed by the military and the student or student's spouse has dependent children residing in the household.

To be eligible for the compensation, prior to activation or deployment, the student must provide an original or official copy of the military activation or deployment orders to the Registrar and Dean, Associate/Assistant Dean of the college in which the student is enrolled. To be eligible for compensation, a student whose spouse is a service member shall provide proof of registration with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System of the Department of Defense, which establishes that dependent children reside in the household of the student and Service member.

The following conditions apply to the compensations:

1. A student shall not be entitled to recover any amount in excess of the student's actual monetary loss.
2. The student shall receive a proportionate refund of room, board, and other fees that were paid to UAMS based on the date of the student's notice of withdrawal from UAMS.
3. If UAMS contracts for room, board, or other services from a third party, then the third party contractor shall provide a refund to UAMS for the services or fees in an amount equal to the student's monetary loss.

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4. The student shall receive the maximum price, based on condition, for the textbooks related to the uncompleted courses.
5. A student's eligibility for a state-supported scholarship, grant, or loan for attendance at UAMS shall not be affected by the student's failure to complete any course work because of the student's or the student's spouse's military activation or deployment.

Upon leaving the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for active duty, a student may choose one of the following compensatory options regarding tuition:

1. A complete refund of tuition and general fees that are assessed of all students at UAMS. Students selecting this option will receive a grade of "WA" (Withdrawn-Administrative) for affected courses. Standard course repeat rules/limits will not apply except where required by federal student aid or Veterans Administration guidelines.
2. At least one (1) year to complete the course work after the student's or the student's spouse's deactivation. Students selecting this option will receive a grade of "I" (Incomplete) for affected courses. Students will be given a full year to complete coursework, or will be given the amount of time allowed under the UAMS Incomplete Grades Policy, whichever is greater.
3. Free tuition for one (1) semester at UAMS in the courses in which the student's or the student's spouse's attendance was interrupted, unless federal aid is made available to compensate the student for the resulting monetary loss. Students selecting this option will receive a grade of "WA" (Withdrawn-Administrative) for affected courses. Standard course repeat rules/limits will not apply except where required by federal student aid or Veterans Administration guidelines.
 - a. Federal aid shall not include Pell Grants, other federal grants, or other monetary benefits paid to the student directly or at the student's direction.
 - b. If a student or student's spouse is activated or deployed during a semester, the student shall not receive more than one (1) semester of free tuition.