Impact of Government Shutdown on Students Using VA Education Benefits

We recognize the uncertainty regarding the possible government shutdown is causing some unease and stress. Currently the Government is set to shutdown non-essential services if a funding bill is not passed by October 1st (10/1/23). This could have potential impacts to your VA and Military Education Benefits.

VA Secretary Dennis McDonough has stated that compensation, pension, education and housing benefits will continue. While these benefits will continue to be processed, it is important to realize that staffing will be limited, and payments may be delayed (potentially 30 days or more).

We will communicate with applicable WSU offices and the Whitman County Landlord Tenant Association regarding possible delays. It is important that you also communicate with WSU Housing or applicable housing authority as these cases tend to be handled on an individual basis. It is essential that you continue to monitor your financial accounts to ensure you are aware when payments do arrive.

We have included a list of possible resources below to assist, but as the WSU system is statewide, it is not exhaustive. Please connect with your local VMASS Representative as there may be additional resources in your area.

System Wide
Veterans Student Support Services: james_dalton@wsu.edu 509.335.1110
Student Financial Services: https://financialaid.wsu.edu/
VMASS: https://va.wsu.edu/

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