

WHAT IS THE HAZLEWOOD ACT?

THE HAZLEWOOD ACT IS A STATE OF TEXAS BENEFIT THAT PROVIDES QUALIFIED VETERANS, SPOUSES, AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN WITH AN EDUCATION BENEFIT OF UP TO 150 CREDIT HOURS OF TUITION EXEMPTION, INCLUDING MOST FEE CHARGES, AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEXAS.

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE LIVING EXPENSES, BOOKS, DEPOSITS, SUPPLY FEES, LATE REGISTRATION FEES, STUDY ABROAD COURSES, EXECUTIVE PROGRAM FEE, THE STUDENT SERVICES FEE ETC.

HAZLEWOOD ELIGIBILITY

STUDENTS CAN FALL INTO 3 CATEGORIES (VETERAN, LEGACY CHILD OR DEPENDENT/SPOUSE). **SEE BELOW FOR ELIGIBILITY DETAILS FOR EACH CATEGORY.**

- RECIPIENTS MUST BE IN A DEGREE SEEKING PROGRAM, ENROLLED IN STATE-FUNDED COURSES.
- ALL STUDENTS MUST MEET THE GPA REQUIREMENTS OF UH'S SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP).
- FIRST-TIME RECIPIENTS HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, (INCLUDING TRANSFER STUDENTS) MUST TURN IN A COMPLETE INITIAL APPLICATION, WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, **BY THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER** IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO USE THE EXEMPTION.
- PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY HOUSTON, MUST COMPLETE A CONTINUED ENROLLMENT FORM ONLY, **BY THE LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER** IN WHICH THEY INTEND TO USE THE EXEMPTION.

PREVIOUS ELIGIBILITY FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY GUARANTEE THE EXEMPTION. ELIGIBILITY IS DETERMINED BY APPLYING AND SUBMITTING THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION .

VETERANS

VETERANS SEEKING TO USE THE HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING:

- **VETERAN WAS A RESIDENT OF TEXAS AT THE TIME THE VETERAN ENTERED THE SERVICE; OR DESIGNATED TEXAS AS HOME OF RECORD; OR ENTERED THE SERVICE IN TEXAS**
- DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY UNDER HONORABLE OR GENERAL CONDITIONS.
- SERVED AT LEAST 181 DAYS (6 MONTHS) OF ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE (EXCLUDING INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING).
- CURRENTLY RESIDE IN TEXAS.
- HAVE NO FEDERAL VA BENEFITS (CH 31 OR CH 33) DEDICATED TO TOTAL PAYMENT OF TUITION & FEES.

LEGACY CHILD

VETERAN SHARING BENEFIT WITH CHILD

CHILDREN OF A VETERAN SEEKING TO USE LEGACY HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING:

- BE A CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO MEETS **ALL** OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERANS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND VETERAN ASSIGNS THEIR UNUSED HOURS OF EXEMPTION TO THEM
- BE 25 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEMESTER
- BE CLASSIFIED BY UH AS A RESIDENT OF TEXAS AND VETERAN MUST RESIDE IN TEXAS
- HAVE NO FEDERAL VA BENEFITS (CH 31 OR CH 33) DEDICATED TO TOTAL PAYMENT OF TUITION & FEES

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY ONE PERSON CAN USE THESE BENEFITS AT A TIME. ELIGIBLE VETERANS CAN USE IT THEMSELVES OR ASSIGN BENEFITS TO ONE DEPENDENT PER SEMESTER. **TWO PEOPLE CANNOT USE THE LEGACY BENEFIT FROM THE SAME VETERAN IN THE SAME SEMESTER.**

DEPENDENT/SPOUSE VETERAN IS 100% DISABLED; KIA; MIA

SPOUSE OR CHILD OF A VETERAN SEEKING TO USE HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION MUST MEET ALL THE FOLLOWING:

- BE A SPOUSE/CHILD OF A VETERAN WHO MEETS ALL OF THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERANS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND:
 - YOUR VETERAN IS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYMENT OR;
 - YOUR VETERAN IS MISSING IN ACTION; OR KILLED IN ACTION
 - YOUR VETERAN'S DEATH IS DOCUMENTED TO BE DIRECTLY CAUSED BY ILLNESS OR INJURY RELATED TO SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.
- BE CLASSIFIED BY UH AS A RESIDENT OF TEXAS.
- HAVE NO FEDERAL VA BENEFITS (CH 31 OR CH 33) DEDICATED TO TOTAL PAYMENT OF TUITION & FEES

STACKING

- “STACKING” RELATES TO USING BOTH FEDERAL (VETERAN AFFAIRS) AND STATE (THE HAZLEWOOD ACT) BENEFITS.
- THIS IS PERMITTED IF THE VETERAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR LESS THAN 100% OF POST-9/11 GI BILL® (CHAPTER 33) AS DENOTED BY THEIR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (COE).
- EXAMPLE: IF VETERAN’S COE STATES 60% ELIGIBILITY FOR POST 9/11, HAZLEWOOD MAY COVER THE DIFFERENCE (40%) OF QUALIFIED TUITION AND FEES.
- FEDERAL VA BENEFITS MUST BE USED FIRST.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS REQUIRES THE RECIPIENT TO RENEW THE HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION EACH SEMESTER THEY LIKE TO HAVE IT APPLIED.

CHECKLIST DOCUMENTS FOR VETERANS

- **HAZLEWOOD ACT EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM TVC-ED**
([HTTPS://WWW.TVC.TEXAS.GOV/EDUCATION/HAZLEWOOD](https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/HAZLEWOOD)).
- **DD FORM 214 MEMBER-4 COPY OR EQUIVALENT (MUST LIST DISCHARGE STATUS)**
(WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/VETERANS/MILITARY-SERVICE-RECORDS).
- **VA CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAPTER 33 GI BILL BENEFITS OR PROOF OF NONE AVAILABLE (REQUIRED ONLY IF VETERAN SERVED ON OR AFTER 8/1/2008)**([HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/HOW-TO-APPLY/](https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/)).
- **HAZLEWOOD DATABASE HOURS FROM THE TVC WEBSITE**
([HTTPS://HAZLEWOOD.TVC.TEXAS.GOV/STUDENTS/ACCOUNT/LOGIN](https://HAZLEWOOD.TVC.TEXAS.GOV/STUDENTS/ACCOUNT/LOGIN)).
- **SAP ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM.**

CHECKLIST DOCUMENTS FOR CHILD/SPOUSE

- **HAZLEWOOD ACT EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM TVC-ED**
([HTTPS://WWW.TVC.TEXAS.GOV/EDUCATION/HAZLEWOOD](https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/azlewood)).
- **VETERANS DD FORM 214 MEMBER-4 COPY** OR EQUIVALENT (MUST LIST DISCHARGE STATUS) OR DD FORM 1300 REPORT OF CASUALTY (KIA /MIA IF APPLICABLE) ([WWW.ARCHIVES.GOV/VETERANS/MILITARY-SERVICE-RECORDS](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records)).
- **PROOF OF RELATION:** BIRTH CERTIFICATE (BIOLOGICAL CHILD), MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE & BIRTH CERTIFICATE (STEP-CHILD), OR ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (SPOUSE) , MOST RECENT IRS TRANSCRIPT OF TAX RETURN INDICATING DEPENDENCY OF CHILD (WE DO NOT ACCEPT 1040 TAX FORM) ([WWW.IRS.GOV/INDIVIDUALS/GET-TRANSCRIPT](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)).
- **VA CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR POST 9/11 GI BILL BENEFITS OR CHAPTER 35 DEA CERTIFICATE** (REQUIRED ONLY IF VETERAN SERVED ON OR AFTER 8/1/2008) ([HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/HOW-TO-APPLY/](https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/)).
- **VETERAN'S VA DISABILITY RATING DECISION LETTER** SHOWING VETERAN 100% TOTAL AND PERMANENT STATUS.
- **PRINT OUT OF HAZLEWOOD DATABASE HOURS FROM THE TVC WEBSITE**
([HTTPS://HAZLEWOOD.TVC.TEXAS.GOV/STUDENTS/ACCOUNT/LOGIN](https://azlewood.tvc.texas.gov/students/account/login)) BOTH VETERAN & DEPENDENT.
- **SAP ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM.**

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HOW HAZLEWOOD APPLIES:

AFTER THE RECIPIENT'S ENROLLMENT IS COMPLETED, THE HAZLEWOOD ACT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE SEMESTER'S FEE BILL AS A WAIVER. THE HAZLEWOOD ACT IS APPLICABLE FOR ALL SEMESTERS (FALL, SPRING AND SUMMER). A RENEWAL (HAZLEWOOD CONTINUED ENROLLMENT FORM) IS NEEDED ONCE A YEAR. ***UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED IN A SPECIAL PROGRAM OR STACKING WITH VA BENEFITS.**

EXAMPLE: IF THE RECIPIENT WAS APPROVED IN THE FALL, THEN EACH FALL TERM ONLY, A RENEWAL FORM IS NEEDED. IF THE RECIPIENT WAS APPROVED IN THE SPRING, THEN EACH SPRING TERM, ONLY A RENEWAL FORM IS NEEDED. RECIPIENTS WHO STACK BENEFITS MUST RENEW EACH SEMESTER.

- THE HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION WILL NOT APPLY IF THE RECIPIENT IS NOT ACTIVELY ENROLLED.
- IF RECIPIENT DROPS COURSE[S] AFTER THE CENSUS DATE AND RECEIVES A "W" GRADE, THOSE HOURS WILL STILL COUNT AGAINST THE HAZLEWOOD 150 CREDIT HOUR LIMIT.

**PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND
DOCUMENTS TO HAZLEWOOD@UH.EDU**