



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 297
[2009 Senate Bill 304]

Veteran's Tuition Reimbursement

2009 Wisconsin Act 297 makes changes in the program operated by the state Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for reimbursement of tuition for eligible veterans. Under the law prior to Act 297, the veteran may apply for the program for courses begun within 10 years after separation from the service. However, this requirement did not apply to a veteran who was applying for reimbursement for up to 60 credits of part-time classroom study courses.

The Act eliminates the requirement that the veteran must apply for courses within 10 years after separation from the service and substitutes a provision that for courses begun later than 10 years after separation from the service, a veteran may not be reimbursed for more than 60 of the credits to which the veteran's eligibility is limited. In addition, for courses begun later than 10 years after separation from the service, the veteran may not be reimbursed for more than 11 semester credits or equivalent trimester or quarter credits, other than a summer semester or session, regardless of the number of credits taken during that semester or session.

The Act first applies to applicants for tuition reimbursement for an academic term that begins after the Act's effective date.

Effective date: The Act takes effect on May 27, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.