

**Status Update:** CCI has closed, and the Zenith Group purchased several Everest College Campuses in Virginia, and effective February 20, 2015 the Chesapeake, Newport News and Woodbridge campuses are approved under new ownership.

## Corinthian Colleges Inc. (CCI) Fact Sheet

**CCI does business as Everest College in the Commonwealth of Virginia**

September 12, 2014

Richmond – The Virginia Department of Veterans Services State Approving Agency (SAA) notified the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) that the approval of each campus of Everest College operating in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been withdrawn from offering education and training to veterans and their dependents effective **September 9, 2014**. This withdrawal precludes CCI schools from receiving GI Bill education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The affected campuses are: Everest College – Chesapeake, Everest College – Newport News, and Everest College – Tysons Corner.

### **UNDERSTANDING THE ACTION TAKEN BY the Virginia SAA:**

On June 24, 2014, the Virginia SAA suspended each campus for 60 days to give Everest College's parent company Corinthian Colleges Inc. (CCI) time to provide proof that they had the financial resources to ensure the veterans and dependents enrolled in their programs will receive the education and training they are seeking. The suspension was initiated after the company's filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission indicating CCI is fiscally unstable and intends to sell or close some of its institutions and to "teach out" students currently enrolled in their programs.

To ensure GI Bill beneficiaries were protected, the Virginia SAA suspended Everest College's approval at all Virginia campuses until compliance with applicable federal regulations could be established and confirmed. Per regulations, CCI had 60 days to provide the Virginia SAA with verifiable documentation to demonstrate financial stability. CCI was unable to demonstrate compliance by the September 8, 2014 deadline. As required by the Code of Federal Regulations (38 CFR 21.4259), on September 9, 2014 approval at all CCI institutions operating within the Commonwealth of Virginia were withdrawn.

### **HOW THE WITHDRAWAL IMPACTS YOU:**

GI Bill benefits may be utilized by Veterans and eligible dependents (such as spouses and children) only at institutions approved by the State Approving Agency of jurisdiction.

Withdrawal of approval to offer education and training to veterans and other eligible persons means USDVA will not pay education benefits for your enrollment at Everest College. GI Bill benefits will only be paid through the end of the semester, quarter, or term in which you are currently enrolled.

You are encouraged to visit the GI Bill website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> to access the GI Bill Comparison Tool which streamlines information into an easy-to-use online tool that provides information to calculate benefits and research approved programs, tuition/fees, housing allowance, graduation and loan default rates.

### **USDVA AUTHORITY:**

The VA administers the GI Bill, and makes all determinations related to Veteran education benefit eligibility and payments. The VA also regulates entitlements paid to Veterans and performs all calculations. All questions regarding eligibility and payment of GI Bill benefits must be directed to the VA at **1-888-GIBILL1**.

*The Virginia SAA is unable to answer questions or provide assistance with issues regarding eligibility or payment of USDVA education benefits.*

### **SUMMARY - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- Effective September 9, 2014, SAA approval is withdrawn at all CCI institutions (Everest College) in Virginia.
- VA will not pay GI Bill education benefits at an unapproved institution.
- Visit our website for a list of approved facilities in Virginia <http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/state-approving-agency.shtml>
- Only VA can provide assistance or address questions related to GI Bill eligibility or payment.
- Questions or concerns related to CCI and its schools should be directed to CCI representatives.
- You should contact your school directly to inquire about other financial options.
- Visit VA's GI Bill website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> to access education benefit information.
- Questions about the withdrawal of approval at your campus may be e-mailed to [martina.murray@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:martina.murray@dvs.virginia.gov)