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Update on Liberty University BS Aviation Program Suspension

The Virginia State Approving Agency's mission is to protect the GI Bill® and ensure that all programs meet the requirements of Title 38 of the United States Code. Our agency is contracted with the US Department of Veterans Affairs to approve and oversee all facilities using the GI Bill® benefits within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On June 30, 2023, we provided Liberty University with a notice of action regarding several of the school's flight programs. The programs impacted are as follows:

Withdrawn

1. Bachelor of Science Aviation Administration

Suspended

1. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics
2. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Commercial/Corporate
3. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Global Studies
4. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Military
5. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Unmanned Aerial Systems (Teach-Out December 31, 2027)
6. Bachelor of Science Aviation Technology: Flight and Maintenance
7. Unmanned Aircraft Operations
8. Bachelor of Science in Aviation

Per the requirements of suspending a program of education, the Virginia State Approving Agency requested the necessary documents and corrections to ensure the programs meet approval criteria. In addition, our agency provided Liberty with the maximum timeframe allowed by law of 60 days—the suspended programs required all the requested documentation and corrections by August 29, 2023.

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On July 27, 2023, the Virginia State Approving Agency was able to restore approval to the following programs:

1. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics
2. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Commercial/Corporate
3. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Global Studies
4. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Military
5. Bachelor of Science Aeronautics Unmanned Aerial Systems (Teach-Out December 31, 2027)
6. Bachelor of Science Aviation Technology: Flight and Maintenance
7. Unmanned Aircraft Operations

On September 8, 2023, the SAA restored the approval to the Bachelor of Science Aviation program with the Heart of Virginia Aviation as the only approved flight training affiliate.

What does this mean?

- Liberty University may accept new student enrollments in the BS Aviation program.
- Students may enroll in non-flight training courses, and the GI Bill will cover it
- Students enrolled in flight training courses are only covered at the Heart of Virginia Aviation in Ashland, VA, the only facility approved to use GI Bill benefits.
- Students who would like to take flight training courses at a facility that is not approved for the GI Bill would need to use federal financial aid or other resources to pay for the courses or
- Students may enroll at an approved vocational flight school using GI Bill benefits as Guest students. Students may have out-of-pocket expenses after the SCO certifies their enrollment to the VA.

Please note that our mission as the State Approving Agency is to serve our veterans by removing barriers to quality education programs. We continue to work with Liberty University to add more flight training affiliates.

For more specific information on how the actions above impact you, please contact Liberty University. Their staff has access to your specific degree plan, a list of impacted flight affiliates, and current options available to you. Please check back on Liberty University's website for any future updates.