



**UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDÁT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents**

Resolution No. 23-10

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE READMISSIONS FOR MILITARY SERVICE
MEMBERS POLICY**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant and Sea Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the governance and control of the UOG is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR) of UOG;

WHEREAS, the UOG acknowledges that students may be temporarily unable to attend classes or be required to suspend their studies in order to perform military service. UOG encourages such students to resume their education once a military service obligation has ended;

WHEREAS, In accordance with federal regulations, 34 C.F.R. § 668.18 and the Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the university will promptly readmit servicemembers who seek readmission to a program that was interrupted due to a uniformed service obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Student Affairs, Scholarships, Alumni Relations and Honorary Degree Committee at its April 19, 2023 meeting has reviewed and recommends the Readmissions for Military Service Members Policy attached to the BOR for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOR hereby approves the Readmissions for Military Service Members Policy attached, to be effective immediately.

Adopted this 27th day of April, 2023.

Liza J. Provideo, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Thomas W. Krise, Ph.D., Executive Secretary

Readmissions for Military Service Members Policy

This policy shall apply to:

1. Service members who are unable to attend classes for more than 30 consecutive days; and
2. Service members who are unable to attend classes for less than 30 days when such an absence would result in a withdrawal from the University of Guam (UOG).

In accordance with federal regulations, 34 C.F.R § 688.18 and the Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, UOG will promptly readmit service members who seek readmission to a program that was interrupted due to a uniformed service obligation.

I. Eligibility

A student is eligible for readmission under this policy if, during an absence, the student performs uniformed service, voluntary or involuntary, in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserve, active duty, active duty for training or full-time National Guard (under federal authority). The cumulative length of all absences for uniformed service (service time only) must not exceed five years.

A student (or an appropriate officer of the armed forces or official of DoD) must provide oral or written notice of military service to the Registrar's Office as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances unless precluded by military necessity, such as service in operations that are classified or would be compromised by such notice. Such notice does not need to indicate when the student will return to UOG.

II. Notification of Intent to Return

The student must also provide oral or written notice (preferred) of intent to return and supporting official documentation to the Registrar within three years upon completion of their service period. Supporting official documentation must establish:

- a. Student has not exceeded the cumulative five-year limit on absences from UOG, and
- b. Student's eligibility for readmission has not been terminated.

In accordance with federal regulations, a returning student's eligibility for readmission terminates upon the occurrence of: A dishonorable or bad conduct discharge or sentenced in a court-martial from the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and Reserves). However, service members who receive dishonorable or bad conduct discharge may remain eligible for readmission even though they will not be entitled to the benefits outlined in this policy.

III. Tuition and Fees

A returning student must be charged the same tuition and fees in effect during the last academic year the student attended unless veteran's educational benefits or

other service member educational benefits will pay the amount in excess. For subsequent academic years, the returning student may not be charged tuition and fees in excess of what other students in the program are charged.

IV. Readmission Requirements

A returning student will be permitted to reenroll in the next class(es) scheduled in the same academic program unless the student requests a later date of reenrollment or agrees to a different program. A returning student will be readmitted into the same academic program the student was enrolled prior to the military service obligation. If the exact program no longer exists, the student must be admitted to the program that is most similar, unless the student requests or agrees to admission to a different program. Returning students will be reenrolled with the same enrollment status, number of completed credit hours, and academic standing as the last academic year of attendance.

If UOG determines that the student is not prepared to resume the same academic program with the same academic status or is unable to complete the program, UOG will undertake reasonable efforts to help the student become prepared. If after reasonable efforts, the program or after UOG determines that there are no reasonable efforts it can take, UOG may deny the student readmission.