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0701 OVERVIEW

This chapter establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) financial policies and procedures relating to VA's Required Supplementary Stewardship Information (RSSI). Federal financial reporting requires the Federal Government to report on its stewardship over certain resources entrusted to it and certain responsibilities assumed by it, which cannot be measured in traditional financial reports. These resources and responsibilities do not meet the criteria for assets and liabilities that are required to be reported in the financial statements, but they are important to understanding the operations and financial condition of the Federal Government on the date of the financial statements, and in subsequent periods. Per Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [Circular A-136](#), reporting on stewardship responsibilities aids in assessing the Federal Government's financial condition and sufficiency of future budgetary resources to sustain public services and meet obligations as they become due. Per the [Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards \(SFFAS\) No. 8, Supplementary Stewardship Reporting](#), these costs and resultant resources are intended to provide long-term benefits to the public, and are included in stewardship reporting, to highlight to the reader their long-term-benefit nature and to demonstrate accountability over them. The applicable reporting for RSSI is to include outputs and outcomes resulting from the investments.

This chapter explains VA's three stewardship investment categories.

070101 NON-FEDERAL PHYSICAL PROPERTY INVESTMENTS.

Non-Federal physical property stewardship investments are defined as the net costs incurred by VA for the purchase, construction, or major renovation of physical property owned by state and local governments.

VA non-Federal physical property comprises state extended-care facilities and Veterans cemeteries. These investments are typically funded through either direct Federal spending or grants to state governments (or grants to tribal governments for Veterans cemeteries).

070102 HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.

Human capital stewardship investments include certain outlays for education and training of Veterans, Veterans' dependents, and health professionals. These expenditures are intended to maintain or increase national productive capacity. This section excludes education and training expenses whose purpose is other than maintaining or enhancing national productive capacity.

The Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) administers several programs that are considered stewardship education and training investments. They fall under two lines of

business: education and vocational rehabilitation. Under education, VBA provides educational assistance to eligible Veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and dependents. Under vocational rehabilitation, VBA administers the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program for eligible disabled Veterans.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), as mandated in [Title 38 U.S.C.](#), assists in the training of health care professionals for its own needs and those of the Nation. Through partnerships with affiliated academic institutions, VHA conducts education and training programs to enhance the quality of health care provided to Veterans within the VA health care system. VHA plays a significant role in defining the education of future health care professionals, helping to meet the changing needs of the Nation’s health care delivery system.

070103 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS.

Research and development (R&D) stewardship investments are expenses included in the calculation of net costs to support the search for new or refined knowledge and ideas, and for the application or use of such knowledge and ideas, for the development of new or improved products and processes, with the expectation of maintaining or increasing national economic productive capacity or yielding other future benefits. Research and development stewardship investments are treated as expenses incurred for basic research, and applied research and development programs that are intended to maintain or increase national productive capacity. The ultimate objective of such investments is to equip the Federal government to deal with war-related illnesses and post-deployment health issues on a long term basis.

VA reports expenses for the following programs: Medical Research Service; Rehabilitative Research and Development; Health Services Research and Development; Cooperative Studies Research Service; and Medical Research Support.

0702 REVISIONS

Section	Revision	Office	Reason for Change	Effective Date
Overall	Reformatted to new policy format and completed 5 year review. Merged three chapters on RSSI into chapter 7.	OFP (047G)	Reorganized chapter	May 2017

Section	Revision	Office	Reason for Change	Effective Date
0701 Overview	Added reference to A-136 as well as SFFAS 8. (Describing the purposes of RSSI, including benefits to the public).	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017
0703 Definitions	Added clarification of Budget Object Code and definition of constant dollars	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017
0704 Roles and Responsibilities	Updated to latest standard descriptions	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017
0705 Policies	Reorganized material on reporting to explain commonalities and differences between investment types; added footnote re: audit treatment of expense and RSSI. Added material on data sources, including BOC references.	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017
070501 Non-Federal Physical Property	Threshold for non-Federal entities exemption from Federal audit requirements is updated from \$500,000 to \$750,000 or more per year.	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017
0706 Authority and References	Added reference to 10 USC chapter 1606, Educational Assistance for Members of the Selected Reserve	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017

Section	Revision	Office	Reason for Change	Effective Date
Appendix A: Educational and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs, VBA	Added explanation of current BOC utilization	OFP (047G)	General Policy Update	May 2017

0703 DEFINITIONS

Accrual Accounting – An accounting method that measures the performance and position of an entity by recognizing events regardless of when cash transactions occur. Economic events are recognized by matching revenues to expenses at the time the transaction occurs, rather than when payment is made or received. This method allows current cash inflow/outflow to be combined with future expected cash inflow/outflow to provide a more accurate picture of an entity’s current financial condition.

Acquisition – The purchase—in this case, of a facility—to establish a state home for the provision of domiciliary and/or nursing home care to Veterans.

Adult Day Health Care – Therapeutically-oriented outpatient day programs that provide health maintenance and rehabilitative services to participants. The program must provide individualized care delivered by an interdisciplinary healthcare team and support staff, with an emphasis on helping participants and their caregivers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to manage care requirements in the home. Adult day health care is principally targeted to the complex medical and/or functional needs of elderly Veterans.

Annual Investment – The full cost of the investment, as measured and accounted for in accordance with the [Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards \(SFFAS\) No. 4, Managerial Cost Accounting Standards for the Federal Government](#). For the definition of *full cost*, see 070317.

Applied Research – Systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding necessary for determining the means by which a recognized and specific need may be met.

Basic Research – Systematic study to gain knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts without specific applications toward processes or products in mind.

Budget Object Code (BOC) – Categories in a classification system that presents obligations by the items or services purchased by the Federal government. BOCs reflect the nature of financial transactions when obligations are first incurred and are an

expansion of the associated object classes. They are categories or accounting identifiers that code financial obligations according to the nature of the services or items purchased by VA. The object class is symbolized by a two- or three-digit code and is a standard classification used throughout the Federal government. BOCs are generally sub-classifications of object classes. For example, in BOC 2620, the first two digits are the object class (object class 26 is supplies) and the last two digits define the financial transaction (financial transaction 20 is office supplies, as defined by VA).

Constant Dollar – A dollar value adjusted for changes in the average price level. A constant dollar is derived by dividing a current dollar amount by a price index. The resulting constant dollar value is that which would exist if prices had remained at the same average level as in the base period. Any changes in such constant dollar values would therefore reflect only changes in the real volume of goods and services, not changes in the price level.

Construction – The building of new domiciliary or nursing home structures; the expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing buildings for the provision of domiciliary, nursing home, or adult day health care or hospital care in state homes; and the provision of initial equipment for any such buildings.

Cost – The monetary value of resources used or liabilities incurred to achieve an objective. Costs may be charged to operations immediately, or in cases where the cost relates to goods or services that will benefit future periods, to an asset account for recognition as an expense of subsequent periods.

Cost of Construction – The amount found by the Secretary to be necessary for a construction project. Costs include architect fees, but exclude land acquisition costs.

Development – Systematic use of the knowledge and understanding gained from research for the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including the design and refinement of prototypes and processes.

Disclosure – Reporting information in notes or narrative regarded as an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Domiciliary Care – Shelter, food, and necessary medical care provided on an ambulatory self-care basis (more than room and board). It assists eligible Veterans who are suffering from a disability, disease, or defect to such a degree that they are incapacitated from earning a living, but do not require hospitalization or nursing care services. It assists in attaining physical, mental, and social well-being through special rehabilitative programs to restore residents to their highest level of functioning.

Eligibility – The state of having the right to do or obtain something through satisfaction of the appropriate conditions.

Entitlement – A right, in this case, to be considered for educational or vocational benefits. Depending on the specific program, the requirements may include a minimum number of aggregate days on active duty, honorable discharge, or dependent status related to a Veteran disabled or killed in action.

Expense – Outflow or other consumption of assets or incurring of liabilities (or a combination of both) during a period from providing goods, rendering services, or carrying out other activities related to an entity's programs and missions, the benefits from which do not extend beyond the present operating period. ([Accounting for Selected Assets and Liabilities, SFFAS No. 1.](#))

Full Cost – The sum of all costs required by a cost object, including the costs of activities performed by other entities, regardless of funding sources.

Human Capital Investment – Per [OMB Circular A-136](#), such investments represent expenses that are included in the net cost of education and training programs intended to (1) increase or maintain national economic productive capacity, or (2) produce outputs and outcomes that provide evidence of maintaining or increasing national productive capacity.

This definition excludes education and training whose purpose is other than maintaining or enhancing national productive capacity. Continued categorization of human capital expenses as investments for stewardship purposes is predicated on demonstrated outputs and outcomes consistent with the intent of the program.

Investment in non-Federal Physical Property – Those expenses incurred by the Federal government for the purchase, construction, or major renovation of physical property owned by state and local governments, including major additions, alterations, and replacements; the purchase of major equipment; and the purchase or improvement of other physical assets. Grants for maintenance and operations are not considered investments. The physical property is financed by grants from VA, but may be owned by either state or local governments.

Nominal Dollars – The dollar value assigned to a good or service in terms of prices current at the time that the good or service is required. This contrasts with the value assigned to a good or service measured in constant dollars.

Non-Federal Physical Property – Physical property financed by grants from the Federal government, but owned by state and local governments.

Nursing Home Care – Accommodation of convalescents or other persons who are not acutely ill and not in need of hospital care, but who require skilled nursing care and related medical services.

Outcome – Defined in broad terms in the [Statements of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts \(SFFAC\) No. 1](#) as accomplishments or results that occur (at least partially) because of the service efforts of Government entities. Some authorities use terms such as *impact*, *effect*, or *results* to distinguish the change in outcomes specifically caused by the Government activity from the total change in conditions that can be caused by many factors. Also defined in [SFFAS No. 8](#) as an assessment of the results of a program compared with its intended purpose, they shall be capable of being described in financial, economic, or quantitative terms, and provide a plausible basis for concluding that the program has had or will have this intended effect.

Output – A tabulation, calculation, or recording of activity or effort that can be expressed in a quantitative or qualitative manner; it shall be (1) systematically or periodically captured through an accounting or management information system, and (2) have a logical connection between the reported measures and the program's purpose.

Recognize – Determine the amount, timing, classification, and other conditions preceding the acceptance and entry of a transaction, the recording of an amount on the books of account, and the reporting of the amount on the face of financial statements, either individually or aggregated with other amounts.

Required Supplementary Stewardship Information (RSSI) – The category defined by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) for reporting information required by stewardship standards. Stewardship information may be presented as RSSI, in financial statements or their notes. Stewardship information will be necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations.

Research and Development – Federal investment in research and development refers to those expenses incurred in support of the search for new or refined knowledge and ideas. It also refers to the application or use of such knowledge and ideas for the development of new or improved products and processes with the expectation of maintaining or increasing national economic productive capacity or yielding other future benefits. Research and development is composed of basic research, applied research, and development.

State and Local Governments – The 50 states and the District of Columbia; cities, counties, townships, school districts, special districts, public authorities, and other local governmental units as defined by the Bureau of the Census; Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories carrying out other activities related to an entity's programs and missions, the benefits from which do not extend beyond the present operating period. ([Accounting for Selected Assets and Liabilities, SFFAS No. 1](#)).

Stewardship – The Federal government's responsibility for the general welfare of the

Nation, in perpetuity. ([FASAB Concepts Statement No. 1, Objectives of Federal Financial Reporting.](#))

Stewardship Investment – Items recognized as expenses in calculating net cost, but meriting special treatment to highlight the substantial investment and long-term benefit of the expenses. This includes non-Federal physical property, human capital (e.g., Veterans’ and dependents’ education and health professions education), and R&D.

0704 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Assistant Secretary for Management/Chief Financial Officer (VA CFO)** oversees all financial management activities relating to the Department’s programs and operations, as required by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 and 38 U.S.C. 309: Veterans Benefits. Specific responsibilities include the direction, management, and provision of policy guidance, and oversight of VA’s financial management personnel, activities, and operations. The CFO establishes financial policy, systems, and operating procedures for all VA financial entities, and provides guidance on all aspects of financial management.

Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Chief Financial Officers, Fiscal Officers, Chief Accountants, Chiefs of Finance Activities, and other key officials are responsible for ensuring compliance with the policies and procedures set forth in this chapter.

0705 POLICIES

070501 AUTHORITIES

A. NON-FEDERAL PHYSICAL PROPERTY.

1. After project evaluation and review, VA may approve and provide Federal grants to states for the construction of state home facilities or for the acquisition of a facility to be used as a state home facility, in accordance with [38 U.S.C. 8131-8137](#). VA may also provide financial assistance through Federal grants to the states to construct or acquire nursing homes, domiciliary, and adult day health care facilities. This financial assistance is provided through two grant-in-aid programs, as follows:
 - a. VA may provide up to 65 percent of the cost of construction or acquisition of state nursing homes or domiciliaries, or in renovations of existing state homes.
 - b. VA will provide per diem payment for the care of eligible Veterans in state homes.

2. In addition, VA may provide financial assistance for the establishment, expansion, and improvement of Veterans cemeteries and to operate and maintain them, in accordance with [38 U.S.C. 2408](#). States or tribal governments will provide the land and perform the actual operation of the cemeteries.
3. VA will assure Congress that state homes are providing high-quality care through inspections, audits, and reconciliation of records conducted by the state home program managers and by the VA medical center (VAMC) of jurisdiction. VA will provide Congress with reports of inspections, audits, and reconciliations of records that provide assurance that the applicable state facilities are delivering high-quality care to patients.
 - a. In accordance with [38 C.F.R. 59.124](#), a state will allow VA inspectors and auditors to conduct inspections and audits, as necessary, to ensure compliance with the provisions of Title 38.
 - b. The state will also provide evidence that it has met its responsibility under the [Single Audit Act of 1984 \(Public Law 98-502\)](#) and the [Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 \(Public Law 104-156\)](#), and submit the evidence to VA. In accordance with the provisions of [OMB Circular A-133](#), issued pursuant to the above acts, non-Federal entities that expend financial assistance of \$750,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year. Non-Federal entities that expend less than \$750,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in [OMB Circular A-133](#).
 - c. The state will produce reports as required by the Chief Consultant, Geriatrics and Extended Care, and provide this official, upon demand, access to the records upon which such information is based.
4. If a facility for which a grant has been awarded ceases to be operated as a state home for the purpose for which the grant was made, VA will be entitled to recover funds from the state or from the owner of such construction, in accordance with [38 U.S.C. 8136](#).
5. VA may provide up to 100 percent of the cost to establish, expand, or improve Veterans cemeteries. Grants may also be provided for the operation and maintenance of such cemeteries. States provide the land and agree to operate the cemeteries. For grants to tribal governments, the land may be trust land owned by or held in trust for the tribal government.
 - a. A grant relating to establishment, expansion, or improvement of a cemetery shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The amount of such a grant may not exceed:
 - In the case of the establishment of a new cemetery, the sum of the cost of improvements to be made on the land to be converted into a cemetery and the cost of initial equipment necessary to operate the cemetery.
 - In the case of the expansion or improvement of an existing cemetery, the sum of the cost of improvements to be made on any land to be added to the cemetery and the cost of any improvements to be made to the existing cemetery.
 - (2) If the amount of such a grant is less than the amount of costs referred to above, the state or tribal government receiving the grant shall contribute the excess of such costs over the grant amount.
 - (3) If a state or tribal government that has received such a grant to establish, expand, or improve a Veterans cemetery ceases to own or operate such cemetery as a Veterans cemetery, or uses any part of the funds provided through such grant for a purpose other than that for which the grant was made, the United States shall be entitled to recover from such state or tribal government the total of all grants made under this section in connection with such cemetery.
6. VA will measure non-Federal physical property stewardship investments in terms of expenses incurred for federally-financed, but not federally-owned physical property.
 7. VA will obligate funds for non-Federal physical property stewardship investments using:
 - a. Grants and payments to states or tribal governments for the construction of Veterans cemeteries (For further information, see BOC definition 4131 Grants – NCA – Cemetery Grant Services in [VA Volume XIII, Chapter 2, Budget Object Codes](#))¹
 - b. Grants and payments to states for research purposes, construction of state extended care facilities, and for care and treatment of beneficiaries at state

¹ 4131 Grants - NCA - Cemetery Grant Services 38 CFR Part 39. 25 U.S.C. 450b (l); 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 2408, 2411, 3765. Mechanism for a State or Tribal Organization to obtain a grant to establish, expand, or improve a veterans cemetery that meets VA's national shrine standards of appearance that is or will be owned by the State, or operated by a Tribal Organization on trust land, or to obtain a grant to operate or maintain a State or Tribal veterans cemetery to meet VA's national shrine standards of appearance.

homes. (For further information, see BOC definition 4124 Grants – VHA – State Home Construction in [VA Volume XIII, Chapter 2, Budget Object Codes](#))^{1, 2}

B. HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS.

1. VA will provide educational assistance to Veterans and active duty personnel in accordance with [38 U.S.C. Chapter 30](#); to members of the Armed Forces for service commencing on or after September 11, 2001, in accordance with [38 U.S.C. Chapter 33](#); to reservists in accordance with [10 U.S.C. Chapters 1606–1607](#); and to Veterans' dependents in accordance with [38 U.S.C. Chapter 35](#). VA will provide disabled Veterans with services and payments under the VR&E program under [38 U.S.C. Chapter 31](#). Additional information on these programs can be found in [Chapter 5](#) of *Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors*.
2. [Title 38](#) mandates that VA will assist in the training of health care professionals for both VA's and the Nation's needs, to enhance the quality of current and future health care within VA's health care delivery system. VHA will assist in the education and training of health care professionals to enhance the overall quality of VA's health care delivery system, as provided in 38 U.S.C. Chapters [73](#), [74](#), and [81](#).
3. VBA will also provide assistance to service-connected disabled Veterans under VR&E. Authority for this program is covered by 38 U.S.C. Chapter 31. For detailed information regarding eligibility, entitlement, and procedural requirements, see *Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors*, Chapter 2.

C. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D).

1. VA will conduct R&D for the purpose of advancing the knowledge, methods, and techniques available for dealing with war-related illnesses and post-deployment health issues of Veterans. VA will maintain oversight of all medical research programs through monitoring and evaluating the quality of health care. The statutes authorizing these expenditures are primarily contained in [Title 38 section 7303](#); specific programs and references are cited in the Authority for Non-Federal Physical Property section of this policy.

¹ 4124 VHA - State Home Construction. 38 CFR Part 59. 38 U.S.C. 101, 501, 1710, 1742, 8105, 8131-8137. To construct State home facilities (or to acquire facilities to be used as State home facilities) for furnishing domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and to expand, remodel, or alter existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home, and adult day health for Veterans in State Homes.

2. VA will conduct the following R&D initiatives by law:
 - a. Medical research in connection with the provision of medical care and treatment to Veterans and to contribute to the Nation's knowledge about disease and disability ([Title 38, Section 7303](#));
 - b. Scientific studies of the intermediate and long-term health consequences on Veterans of the Persian Gulf War ([Title 38 as amended by Public Law 103-446](#), section 102), Veterans Benefit Improvement Act of 1994;
 - c. Scientific research on health hazards of low levels of chemicals, including dioxin and toxic agents in herbicides, used in allied military operations in the Vietnam war and exposure to depleted uranium in the Persian Gulf war ([38 U.S.C. Part I, Section 1.17](#));
 - d. Research for the purpose of advancing the knowledge, methods, techniques, and resources available for use in rehabilitation programs for Veterans ([38 U.S.C. Part III, Chapter 31](#), section 3119);
 - e. Research and development on adaptive equipment to support rehabilitation engineering research centers in the development of prosthetic and orthopedic appliances ([38 U.S.C. Part III, Chapter 39](#), section 3904); and
 - f. R&D at its centers, including mental health centers, combat injuries centers, medical preparedness centers, medical emergency preparedness centers, epilepsy centers of excellence, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis centers, centers for geriatric care, and at the National Center for Preventive Disease.
3. VA has established an Office of Research Oversight, in accordance with [38 U.S.C. Chapter 73](#), to oversee medical research programs and maintain a comprehensive program to monitor and evaluate the quality of health care.

070502 REPORTING.

- A. VA will report its stewardship investments as unaudited RSSI in its annual Agency Financial Report (AFR). VA will include five years of data at the program level, to include the current year, and the preceding four years.
- B. VA will measure its stewardship investments on the same basis of accounting as used for financial statement purposes, including appropriate accrual adjustments, general and administrative overhead, and costs of facilities. Amounts will be reported in nominal dollars (refer to [SFFAS No. 4](#)). It is understood that offices may

not have actual data available before the deadline, so an estimate is acceptable.

- C. VA will include the net cost of stewardship investments as part of the net cost of operations, and will include these expenses in its financial statements during the year that the costs are incurred. Stewardship investment expenses will be reflected (along with all annual expenses) in the Statement of Net Cost.

D. OUTPUT REPORTING.³

1. In reporting non-Federal physical property, reporting the exact amount of state and local contributions to shared or joint programs is encouraged, but is not required. If state and local contributions were judged significant, some acknowledgement of that fact (for example, expressed as a percentage of the total program) shall be reported.
2. In reporting human capital investments, VA will include narrative descriptions of both VBA's and VHA's education and training stewardship investment programs. VA will identify program outcomes and/or outputs that provide justification for the continued treatment of these expenses as stewardship investments. For VBA, stewardship investment expenses will be recorded as obligations using the 25 and 41 series of Budget Object Codes (BOC) (see Appendix A). For additional information on BOCs, refer to [Volume XIII, Chapter 2, Budget Object Codes](#). For VHA, stewardship investment reporting is driven by an analysis of annual participation in VA residency and fellowship programs, as well as the annual obligations incurred as a result of those events.
3. Reporting R&D investments shall include a narrative description of programs considered as the pertinent Federal stewardship investments. VA will clearly identify the output and outcome measurements used to justify continued treatment of R&D development stewardship investment as expenses.

0706 AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

[10 U.S.C. Chapter 1607, Educational Assistance for Reserve Component Members Supporting Contingency Operations and Certain Other Operations](#)

[10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606, Educational Assistance for the Members of the Selected Reserve](#)

[Public Law 103-446 Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1994](#)

³ While all annual expenses reported on the financial statements are subject to the annual audit, the stratification process under which a subset of these expenses are classified as RSSI (and reported separately on the PAR) is not part of the audit.

[38 U.S.C Part 1, Section 1.17, Evaluation of studies relating to health effects of radiation exposure](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 30, All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 31, Training and Rehabilitation for Veterans with Service-connected Disabilities](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 33, Post-9/11 Educational Assistance](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 35, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance](#)

[38 U.S.C. Part III, Chapter 39, Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment for Certain Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 73, Veterans Health Administration - Organization and Functions](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 74, Veterans Health Administration - Personnel](#)

[38 U.S.C. Chapter 81, Subchapter III - State Home Facilities for Furnishing Domiciliary, Nursing Home and Hospital Care](#)

[38 U.S.C. Part VI, Chapter 81, Acquisition and Operation of Hospital and Domiciliary Facilities, Procurement and Supply, Enhanced-Use of Leases of Real Property](#)

[38 U.S.C. 2408, Aid to States for Establishment, Expansion and Improvement of Veterans' Cemeteries](#)

[38 C.F.R. Part 21, Subparts A, C, E, H, K, L, P, Vocational Rehabilitation and Education](#)

[38 C.F.R. Part 39, Aid to States for Establishment, Expansion and Improvement of Veterans' Cemeteries](#)

[38 C.F.R. Part 59, Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes](#)

[Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board \(FASAB\), Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Concepts \(SFFAC\) No. 1, Objectives of Federal Financial Reporting, pars. 99-102](#)

[FASAB, SFFAS No. 4, Managerial Cost Accounting Standards for the Federal Government](#)

[FASAB, SFFAS No. 8, Supplementary Stewardship Reporting](#)

[OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations](#)

[OMB Circular No. A-136 Financial Reporting Requirements](#)

[OMB Bulletin No. 01-09, Form and Content of Agency Financial Statements](#)

[Treasury Financial Manual, Volume 1, Part 2, Chapter 4700, Agency Reporting Requirements for the Financial Report of the United States Government](#)

[Treasury Financial Manual \(TFM\), Volume 1, Part 2, Chapter 4700, Appendix 4](#)

[VHA Directive 1400, Office of Academic Affiliations](#)

[VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors, Chapter 2, Service-connected Disabilities](#)

0707 RESCISSIONS

- A. Volume III, Chapter 7, Required Supplementary Information: Non-Federal Physical Property, August 2010
- B. Volume III, Chapter 8, Required Supplementary Information: Human Capital Investments, August 2010
- C. Volume III, Chapter 9, Required Supplementary Information: Research and Development August 2010

0708 QUESTIONS

Questions concerning these financial policies and procedures should be directed as shown below:

VHA	VHA CFO Accounting Policy (10A3A) (Outlook)
VBA	VAVBAWAS/CO/OPERATIONS (Outlook)
NCA	NCA Finance Group (Outlook)
All Others	OFP Accounting Policy (Outlook)

**APPENDIX A: EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS,
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION**

CHAPTER 31 – Training and Rehabilitation for Veterans with Service-connected Disabilities

<u>BOC</u>	<u>Description</u>
2504	Contract Counseling Initial Service (VBA use only)
2505	Rehabilitation Service Counseling (VBA use only)
2506	Employment Service Counseling (VBA use only)
4107	Tuition and Fees
4108	Books
4109	Supplies
4112	Handling Charges
4113	Tutorial Expenses
4146	Beneficiary Travel Non-Subsistence
4147	Special Contractual Services – Includes independent instruction, extended evaluations (to improve employability or determine medical feasibility), special training and computer equipment evaluations (computer training, interpreter services, special transportation assistance), management services. (VBA use only)
4150	Equipment
4155	One Time Miscellaneous
4156	Non-Contractual Special Services
4157	Contractual Special Services
4177	Non-Subsistence – Includes payments for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment associated with the Chapter 31 readjustment benefit program.
4192	All Other Contract Counseling – Education/Vocational.

ALL OTHER CHAPTERS – 30, 33, 35, 1606, 1607.

<u>BOC</u>	<u>Description</u>
4193	Non-Chapter 31 Contract Counseling Payments – Prior Year Obligations.