

POLICY: Return of Unearned Military Tuition Assistance (TA) to Department of Defense (DOD)

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Part 1. Policy Statement:

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend school for the entire period for which the assistance is awarded. When a student withdraws, the student may no longer be eligible for the full amount of TA funds originally awarded. To comply with the Department of Defense (DOD) policy, Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) will return any unearned TA funds on a pro-rated basis through at least the 80% portion of the period for which the funds were provided. TA funds are earned proportionally during an enrollment period, with unearned funds returned based upon when a student stops attending.

In instances when a service member stops attending due to a military service obligation, SCTC will work with the affected service members to identify solutions that will not result in student debt for the unearned portion in compliance with the DOD policy.

Part 2. Rationale or Purpose:

This policy serves to fully inform students receiving military tuition assistance (TA) of the required actions the College must take to comply with the DOD Memorandum of Understanding Return Policy for Military Tuition Assistance (TA) funds and align with the return of unearned student aid rules applicable to the Federal Student Aid as required under section 4808 of the Department of Education Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Part 3. Scope:

This policy applies to all students receiving Military Tuition Assistance (TA) for the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Part 4. Definitions:

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Congress has given each branch of service the ability to pay up to 100% for the tuition expenses of its members. Each branch of service has its own