## ANNOUNCEMENT

## DoD Launches the Postsecondary Education Complaint System (PECS)

The Department of Defense announces the launch of the Postsecondary Education Complaint System (PECS) which will provide a centralized online reporting system for service members and their families to use in reporting problems with education institutions. Agency partners including the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Education are also launching online feedback tools providing a centralized system for veterans, service members and eligible family members to file student complaints. Students can submit a complaint if they believe their school is failing to follow the Principles of Excellence through the centralized online reporting system accessed via the Department of Defense website. Examples of education-related issues may include, but are not limited to, misrepresentation or deceptive actions with regards to private or institutional loans, high-pressure recruitment tactics, false representations about degree programs, and misleading statements regarding accreditation. The complaint system is part of the President's Executive Order establishing Principles of Excellence for educational institutions serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and other Family Members; designed to empower beneficiaries to report experiences related to misleading or unfair acts or practices by educational institutions serving veterans, service members and their families. To view the letters issued to the DoD MOU Partner Institutions and Military Students (TA & MyCAA), click on the Resources section.

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