



California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE)

Approval Overview for WAVES 2022 State Breakout

Who is CSAAVE?

- CSAAVE is the State Approving Agency (SAA) for California, a regulatory state agency codified in state statute. EDC CHAPTER 12.5. Title 38 Awards
- Since 1963, federal statute requires the US DVA to contract with individual states. Most states have a State Approving Agency.
- Operates under contract with DVA. CSAAVES role is to:
 - Approve and monitors institutions and their programs.
 - Inspects schools and determines their qualifications to offer instruction.
 - Approves, suspends, or disapproves approval for institutions and programs of education.
 - Monitors schools and provides technical assistance to schools on approval matters.
 - Partners with DVA in preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in the administration of Title 38 programs.
 - “... treat public, private, and proprietary for-profit educational institutions equitably”. 38 US Code 3676

Who is CSAAVE?

- CSAAVE and the DVA are separate and distinct agencies.
 - CSAAVE is responsible for institutional approval and DVA is responsible for the administration of Title 38 benefits and payment
- For questions concerning certification, contact the CA ELR at 619-400-1866 or elr.vbasdc@va.gov
- Each school is assigned an education specialist.
- The education specialist is responsible for handling all approval matters.
 - Contact your education specialist for all approval questions
 - If you do not know who your education specialist is, contact csaaveinfo@calvet.ca.gov

Understanding the Approval Process

- School qualification
 - Must submit complete applications for approval to CSAAVE
 - Must provide CSAAVE supporting data and documentation
- Application requirements apply to all accredited/unaccredited public/private/for-profit/not-for-profit postsecondary institutions.
- Applications that fail to include all required documentation and/or data are deemed incomplete and may be denied a grant of approval.
- CSAAVE utilizes supporting data/documentation to defend approval of our determinations.
- CSAAVE may return an incomplete application.

Maintaining Approval

- Institutions must submit an application for approval to CSAAVE when there are changes to what was previously certified to CSAAVE as true and correct for the grant of approval. Examples of reportable changes include each of the following:
 - Revisions to the catalog
 - Location changes, to include additional branches/extensions.
 - Accreditation status
 - Adding additional programs
- Standard and Supplemental applications.
 - The Standard application is generally used when a new catalog is published
 - The Supplemental application is generally used for minor changes in between catalog approvals
- Institutions must submit an application to CSAAVE for a grant of approval. Approvals are effective the day of CSAAVE's determination of compliance. There is no legal authority to back-date an approval. What does this mean for you?
- Always request a current application before submitting approval. Contact CSAAVE at csaaveinfo@calvet.ca.gov

Common Issues

- Forms not completed correctly
- Applications not complete and lacking data
 - All forms must be signed
 - Please ensure the program listing is complete
- Non-vocational certificate programs
- Submitting an old application

Miscellaneous

- Isakson and Roe and the Remote Act
 - Section 1018 (The Remote Act and a ED standardized shopping sheet)
 - Section 1015 (Title IV requirement)
- Study Abroad
- Risk Based Surveys (RBS), Compliance Surveys and Target Risk Based Reviews (TRBR)

Questions?