



Veteran Employment through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC 2.0) program

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VET TEC 2.0 Overview

What is VET TEC 2.0?



Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC 2.0) is a new Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefit (Chapter 36 of Title 38) that is funded through September 30, 2027, which seeks to match Veterans with leading training providers to help them develop skills to start or advance their careers in high-tech industries.

VET TEC 2.0 vs VET TEC Pilot Program

Though VET TEC 2.0 shares a similar name with the pilot program that ran from 2019-2024, it is important to note that this version has significant differences than the prior program.



What's Different?

If you were approved during the 2019-2024 period as a VET TEC training provider, program approval does not transfer from the original pilot program to VET TEC 2.0. Interested training providers must apply using the new participation agreement and approval documents.

VET TEC 2.0 Timeline



Training Provider Agreement Becomes Available

Training providers can review the details of the VET TEC 2.0 program.

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March
2026

Veteran Benefit Application Becomes Available

Once available, Veterans can apply for VET TEC 2.0 benefits on VA.gov.

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June
2026

VET TEC 2.0 Payments Begin

Beginning in July, training providers and students can begin receiving payments from VA

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July
2026

All dates are tentatively scheduled and are subject to change.

Eligibility Requirements

Training Provider Eligibility



To qualify as a VET TEC 2.0 Training Provider, you must meet these requirements:



Have successfully provided the high technology program for at least one year



Employ instructors who are determined by VA to be experts in their fields



Charge the same tuition and fees to VET TEC 2.0 students as other students



Meet VA's approval criteria



Maintain required job placement rates

Program Eligibility



To be eligible for VET TEC 2.0 reimbursement, a program must:



Not lead to a degree



Have a duration of 6-28 weeks



Provide instruction in computer programming, computer software, media application, data processing or information sciences

NOTE: If a program contains any distance or hybrid learning, the training provider must have been approved to receive GI Bill benefits for a minimum of five years, or the program cannot be approved to receive payment under VET TEC 2.0.

Student Eligibility

To be eligible for VET TEC a student must:



Have served at least 36 months on active duty



Have been or will be discharged or released from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable



Be under 62 years old at the time of approval of their application.

Additional Information

Eligibility for other GI Bill benefits is not a requirement. If a student does have other VA education benefit entitlement, use of VET TEC 2.0 will subtract from that benefit.

A maximum of 4,000 VET TEC students can be paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) per fiscal year (FY).

Student Selection

After applying and being approved for VET TEC 2.0, your school can limit who they choose to enroll for VET TEC 2.0.



Determining Qualifiers

Your school selects the qualifiers to determine if you believe a student will be successful in finding meaningful employment within 180 days of graduation or will register in a program to continue education in their field of study.

Certification Options

If a student does not meet these criteria, you can choose not to allow the student to participate in your program.

Payment Considerations

VA advises that you carefully select the students you admit to your program who use this benefit, as payment under this benefit can only be made at specific milestones.

VET TEC 2.0 Payments

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VET TEC students and training providers will be able to receive payments beginning in July 2026.

VET TEC 2.0 payments will include:

The Full Cost of Mandatory Tuition and Fees

Up to the [maximum rate available to what a student would receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill](#). Assessment fees (which are charged to every student) are reimbursable.

A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)

This is identical to what a student would receive under the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100% benefit level. MHA is treated the same way as the Post-9/11 GI Bill, meaning that it is prorated if the individual is attending less than full-time. The student must be attending over half-time to be eligible for payment.

A Books And Supplies Payment

Student can get up to \$41.67 per credit hour, for up to a maximum of 24 credits or the equivalent clock hours.



VET TEC 2.0 Payment Milestones

VET TEC 2.0 tuition and fees payments are made at the following milestones:



Step 1: Enrollment Begins

- Initial 25% of tuition and fees paid upon student's enrollment
- *Note: The student must attend the first day of class for payment to be made*



Step 2: Graduation

- Next 25% of tuition and fees paid upon student's graduation



Step 3: Successful Employment

- Remaining 50% of tuition and fees are paid when the student:
 - Successfully finds employment in the field of study within 180 days of graduation and maintains that employment for a minimum of 180 days or one year if hired by the training provider, or
 - Enrolls in a program of education to continue education in the same field of study as their VET TEC 2.0 program

Preferred Providers

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Select training providers can become Preferred Providers for VET TEC 2.0 if they meet the requirements.



Eligibility Requirements

Have an employment success rate which definitively proves that 70% of graduates of the approved high technology program obtain full-time employment in the field of study within 180-days after graduation, **OR**

Have a tuition reimbursement guarantee where all tuition and fees will be refunded to VA if the graduate does not obtain employment in the field of study within 180 days of program completion, **OR**

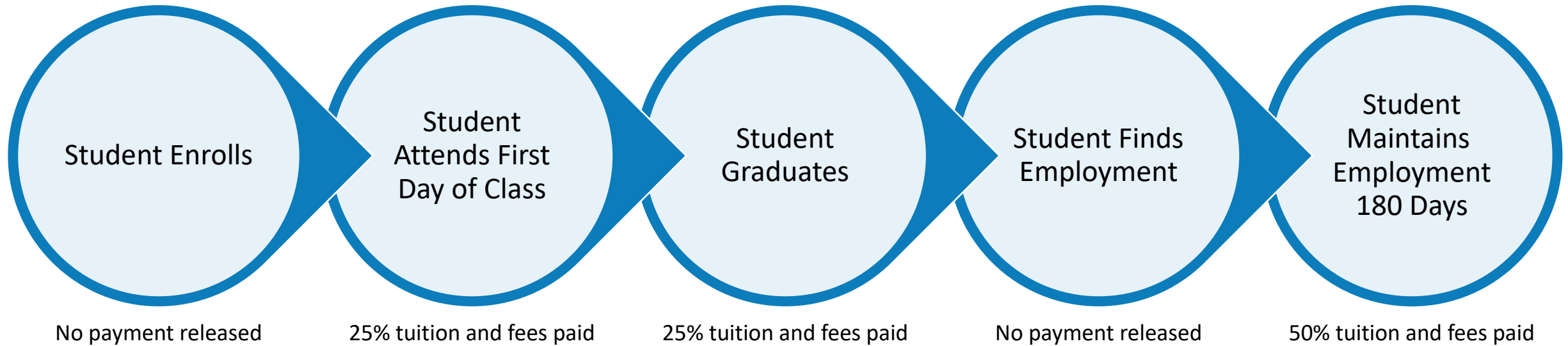
Both of the above conditions are met.

Benefits

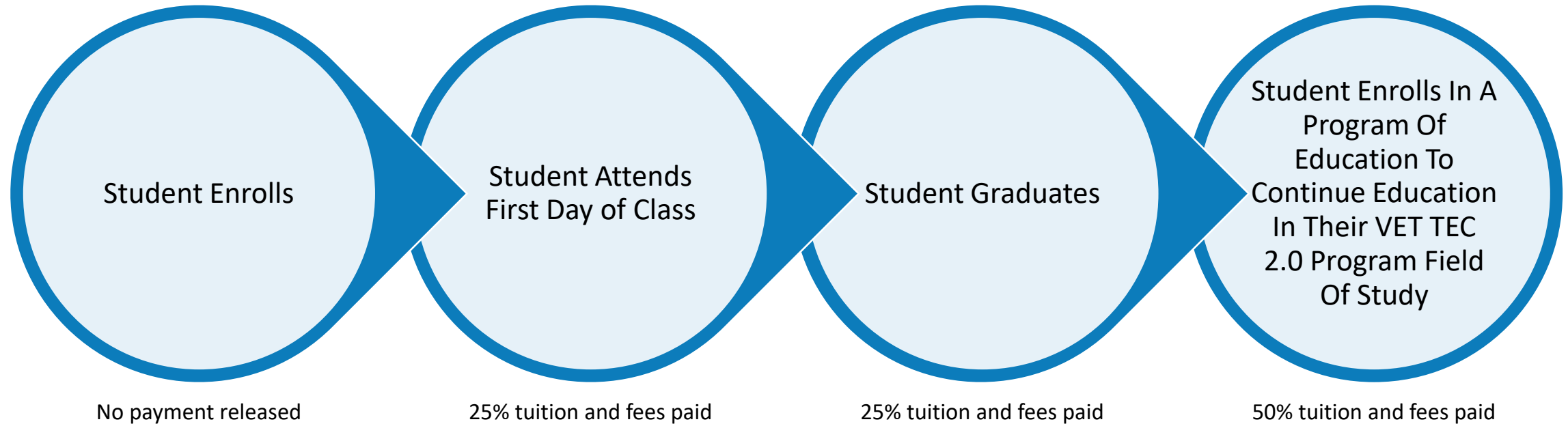
- Exemption from 85/15 Rule (for VET TEC 2.0 beneficiaries only).
- Special designation on the VET TEC 2.0 website.

Tuition and Fees Payment Examples

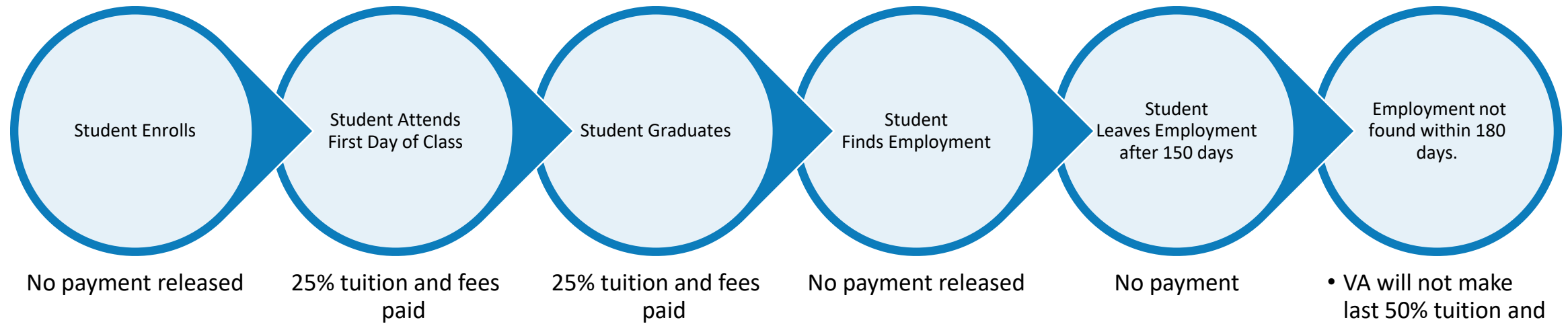
Scenario 1: Student Attends, Graduates, Finds Successful Employment, And Maintains Employment 180 Days



Scenario 2: Student Attends, Graduates, Enrolls In A Program Of Education To Continue Education In Their Field Of Study

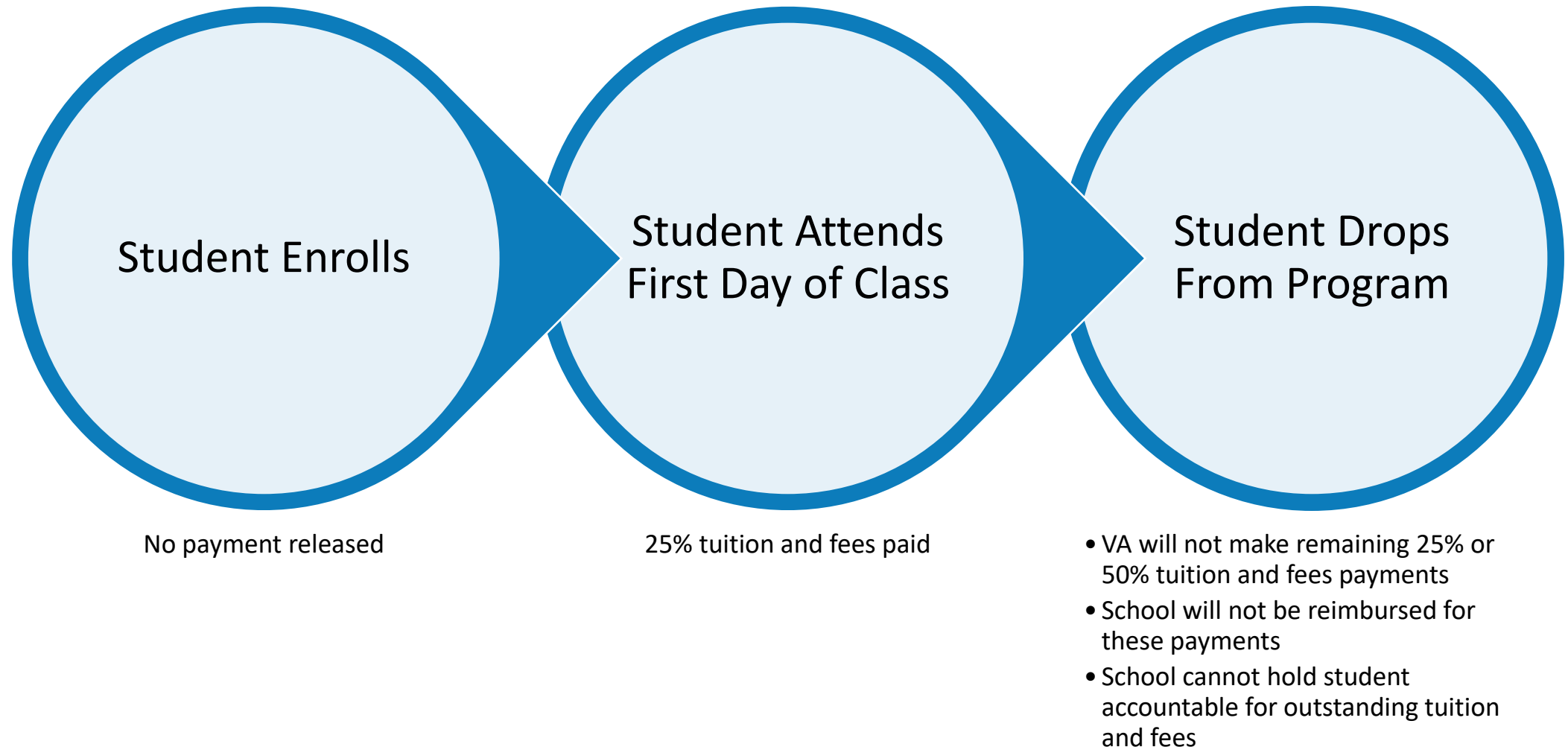


Scenario 3: Student Attends, Graduates, Finds Successful Employment, But Fails To Maintain Employment 180 Days



- VA will not make last 50% tuition and fees payment
- School will not be reimbursed for final 50%
- School cannot hold student accountable for outstanding tuition and fees

Scenario 4: Student Attends But Fails To Graduate



Resources

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**Training Provider
Webpage**

**VET TEC 2.0 Education
Liaison Representative
email**

Beneficiary Webpage

Enrollment Manager