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Below are recommendations for advancing international education priorities:

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

- NAFSA urges VBA to reassess [its December 2019 guidance](#) on the use of veterans educational benefits for study abroad. This 2019 guidance unnecessarily restricts international education opportunities for veterans and their dependents with more restrictions than are applied to the general student population using Title IV federal financial aid. Student veterans should not have more barriers to study abroad than other students do.

UPDATE: On April 20, 2021, NAFSA and Student Veterans of America [sent a letter](#) to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough on this issue. On June 24, 2021, NAFSA received [a response from Thomas J. Murphy, Acting Undersecretary for Benefits](#). NAFSA will continue to engage the Department on this issue.