



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefit Administration  
VBA FOIA Office (20M3)  
810 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20420

In Reply Refer To: **FOIA Request: 22-09228-F**

September 21, 2022

Della Justice  
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Dear Ms. Justice:

This letter is the Initial Agency Decision to your September 14, 2022, request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, submitted to the Veterans Benefits Administration Central Office (VBACO) FOIA Office, for access to records regarding:

I am requesting information on whether any current State Approving Agencies employees have requested, received, or been denied a waiver under Sec. 3683, which prohibits SAA employees from receiving wages, salaries, gifts, profits, dividends, or services from a for-profit school. To help facilitate your response, I am attaching an excel file with a list of the 218 SAA employees as of September 22, 2021.

Your request was received on September 14, 2022, and assigned VBA FOIA Tracking Number 22-09228-F.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Education Services (EDU) and the Office of General Counsel (OGC) have conducted a search of their databases for information regarding, "whether any current State Approving Agencies employees have requested a waiver under Sec. 3683 as of September 22, 2021", as indicated in your FOIA request. Please be advised, that no responsive records were located. Therefore, we are issuing you a no-records response.

If you disagree with the "no record" response, please be advised you may appeal to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20420  
Email: [ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov](mailto:ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov)

If you choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

You may also seek assistance and/or dispute services for any other aspect of your request, excluding the release determination, from VBA's FOIA Public Liaison

Angela C. Davis  
FOIA Supervisor  
Email: [foia.vbaco@va.gov](mailto:foia.vbaco@va.gov)  
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Additionally, as part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS by email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); by toll-free telephone at 1-877-684-6448 (or 202-741-5770); by facsimile at 202-741-5769; or by writing to: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

Thank you for your interest in the VA. Should you have any questions or concerns related to this letter please feel free to contact us at: [FOIA.VBACO@va.gov](mailto:FOIA.VBACO@va.gov). We appreciate your patience in this matter.

Respectfully,

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