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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Inclusion of 3683 requirements in VA ethics training
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Walter, from what I can tell from our records, the first trainings regarding 3683 were available in May 2018. These were 3683-specific trainings that instructed employees on how to request waivers and review waiver requests. These were made available VA-wide through VA's training system.

3683 issues were added to VA's annual ethics training in May 2019.

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From: Walter Ochinko <walter@vetsedsuccess.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 5:33 PM
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Chris,

You've told me that VA employees typically find out about the prohibited for-profit school connections in annual ethics training. In 2017 and 2018, the VA OIG recommended this very action.

- When (approximate month/year) did VA employees first receive training on 3683 prohibitions?
- Was 3683 training as part of annual ethics training rolled out first for VBA (Gi Bill related employees) or was it rolled out at the same time for all VA employees (since you told me that many of the “past” vs. current connections are the result of the new ethics training).

I'd appreciate whatever information you can share with me. Thanks in advance,

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