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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 FINAL CADAA Comment and Rejects**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the final version of the 2024-25 California Dream Act Comment and Rejects, which is posted on the [CADAA Technical documents page](#) on the Commission's website. This document follows the release of the final Cal ISIR record layout, which was announced on [GOM 2023-40](#).

Note: A minor change was made to the valid content for field #73 on the Cal ISIR layout, inclusion of CHSPE. This update is reflected in the Cal ISIR layout dated 12.22.23, which replaces the previous version dated 12.07.23.

The CADAA Comment Codes and Rejects document provides:

- 2024-25 CADAA Comment Codes, along with accompanying text and reason for comment.
- Reject Codes and corresponding "Action Needed" to clear reject/comment code.
- A crosswalk for comparison against the 2023-24 comment codes.

Notable Additions

- Comment Codes 401 – 405 pertaining to AB 540 affidavit questions on the CADAA. A new reject code of "O" will accompany comment codes 401 – 404.
- Comment Codes 411 – 417, in the absence of a direct data exchange with any tax authority, the CADAA will ask for income earned from work for all required contributors (vs. FAFSA which will ask only when contributor has filed an IRS tax return).
 - 411 – 413: pertain to **student** contributor who reports income that is above IRS filing requirement. Will be accompanied by reject code 96.
 - 414: pertains to **student spouse** contributor who reports income that is above IRS filing requirement. Will be accompanied by reject code 97.

- 415 – 416: pertains to **parent** contributor who reports income that is above IRS filing requirement. Will be accompanied by reject code 98.
- 417: pertains to **parent spouse** contributor who reports income that is above IRS filing requirement. Will be accompanied by reject code 99.

FAFSA Comment and Rejects pertaining to consent, database matches (i.e. NSLDS, TransUnion, Social Security Administration etc.) are not applicable to CADAA and therefore omitted.

For more information on the changes to the 2024-25 financial aid applications, please visit our [Better FAFSA, Better CADAA webpage](#).

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