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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **2022-23 Verification Waiver**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update regarding changes to the administration of the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs for the 2022-23 award year in light of recent announcements from the United States Department of Education (USED).

Verification of Income and Assets

- The USDE [announced](#) temporary changes to the federal aid verification process for the 2022-23 award year. Verification of most Free Application for Federal Student Aid information has been waived for the 2022-23 award year.
- The Commission will follow the same V1 verification waiver for 2022-23 FAFSA and CADAA applicants.
- Institutions do not need to check off the "Verification Required" box on the CADAA for students selected for verification.
- Rules surrounding conflicting information have not changed and institutions must resolve any conflicting information per the 2017-23 Cal Grant Institutional Participation Agreement.

U. S. Selective Service Registration

As a reminder, verification of Selective Service registration is no longer a requirement for financial aid in California, as announced in [GSA 2021-45](#). This change is in line with changes made by the USED in 2021. While Selective Service registration remains a federal requirement for males between the ages of 18 and 25, it is no longer considered a requirement to receive federal or state financial aid in California.

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