



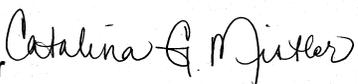
OPERATIONS MEMO

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Mandatory Five-Year Undergraduate College Program Extension for the Cal Grant Program and the California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to clarify that existing state statute authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) to offer one extra year of Cal Grant payments to students who are attending an institutionally prescribed five-year undergraduate program at institutions offering baccalaureate degrees.

This extension is also available to students receiving California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP) benefits. The Commission's recent adoption of the regulations governing the CNG EAAP prompted an inquiry regarding which institutions are eligible to have their undergraduate students receive a fifth year of award benefits.

A mandatory five-year undergraduate program is one for which attendance beyond four years is required to meet the program's degree requirements. The student's course of study must require every participant in that major to complete more than four years of study for graduation. These additional benefits are not available to students whose undergraduate attendance is extended for other reasons.

More information regarding the Five-Year Undergraduate Cal Grant Program can be found in the Cal Grant Manual or on the Cal Grant Fact Sheet located at <http://www.csac.ca.gov>. You may also contact Tabitha Frost at tfrost@csac.ca.gov or at (916) 464-2113 for additional information.

Questions regarding the Five-Year Undergraduate Program for the California National Guard award should be directed to Larry Williams at lwwilli@csac.ca.gov or at (916) 464-3382.

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