



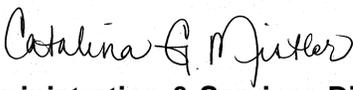
OPERATIONS MEMO

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SUBJECT: Cohort Default Rate Certification for the 2012-13 Academic Year,
Senate Bill 70 Affected Cal Grant Institutions

This Operations Memo provides information on Cal Grant institutions affected by Senate Bill 70 (SB 70) for the 2012-13 academic year. California Education Code (CEC) Section 69432.7(l)(3)(A) requires that by October 1 of each year the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) must certify the latest three-year cohort default rate (CDR) for Cal Grant institutions as most recently reported by the U.S. Department of Education. In accordance with that requirement, the Commission has certified the institutions that are affected by the SB 70 CDR requirements for the 2012-13 academic year.

Under current law, an otherwise qualifying institution with a three-year CDR that is equal to or greater than 30 percent shall be ineligible for initial Cal Grant awards in the 2012-13 academic year. The Commission found that [42 institutions](#) that were on the list of Cal Grant institutions affected by the SB 70 CDR requirements in the 2011-12 academic year remain ineligible institutions for 2012-13 based on the CDR requirements specified in CEC Section 69432.7(l)(3)(C). These institutions shall continue to be ineligible for initial Cal Grant awards. Cal Grant renewal students who attended the institution during 2010-11 and remain enrolled at the institution will be eligible to receive a reduced Cal Grant renewal award for the 2012-13 academic year.

The Commission has also determined that [34 institutions](#) on the list for the 2011-12 academic year now have a CDR equal to or over 24.6 and below 30 percent. In accordance with CEC Section 69432.7(l)(3)(D)(i), these institutions may regain eligibility to provide initial and full renewal Cal Grant awards in the 2013-14 academic year if they satisfy the CDR threshold and all other requirements for the 2013-14 academic year.



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Detailed information regarding SB 70 can be found in [GSA 2011-14](#), dated April 29, 2011; [GSA 2011-18](#), dated May 5, 2011; and [GOM 2011-12](#), dated May 17, 2011. You may also find information in [About Senate Bill 70](#) on the Commission's website.

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