

**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**

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Renewal Cal Grant Update

CSAC ID:

Dear Student:

In July, the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) will confirm your eligibility to renew your 2011-12 Cal Grant award. If the Commission determines that you are eligible to renew your 2011-12 Cal Grant award and you remain at the school of attendance, you need to be aware of recent changes to California law governing the Cal Grant Program.

A new California law prohibits certain schools from paying the maximum Cal Grant A and B award to renewal students if it is found that the school's three-year student loan default rate, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education, is too high. The Commission's records currently show you attending a school that is not eligible to offer you the maximum Cal Grant award as a result of this change in the law. If you are eligible to renew your Cal Grant award and you remain at the school of attendance, your 2011-12 Cal Grant award will be reduced by 20 percent.

To receive the maximum Cal Grant award, you must attend an eligible Cal Grant school that does not have a default rate exceeding that permitted by statute. You can check the affected Cal Grant institutions list to confirm which schools are identified at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and click on the [About Senate Bill 70](#) link under [Highlights](#).

Once the Commission determines that you are eligible to continue receiving the Cal Grant award, you will receive school change information if you decide to transfer your Cal Grant award to an eligible school in order to receive the maximum Cal Grant benefits. Please note that once you transfer your Cal Grant award to an eligible institution, you will not be eligible to receive the award at your school of attendance as long as it remains to be an affected Cal Grant institution.

To contact the Commission:

- visit our website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) or
- email [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov) or
- call the Commission's Student Support Services representatives at 1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.