



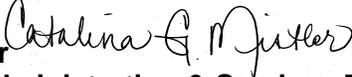
OPERATIONS MEMO

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Reinstated Cal Grant Renewal Eligibility

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to inform schools about the reinstatement of Cal Grant recipients who were disqualified during the renewal process for the 2011-12 academic year for failing to meet the Cal Grant B income ceilings. This Operations Memo outlines the criteria for the reinstatement, reports on student notifications, and provides guidance for schools to process these reinstated Cal Grant recipients.

Reinstatement Criteria

With the enactment of Senate Bill 70 (SB 70), Cal Grant recipients renewing for the 2011-12 academic year, like new applicants, had to meet income and asset ceilings and minimum need requirements. This resulted in about 16,000 Cal Grant recipients being disqualified during the renewal process for not meeting the new requirements. Approximately 9,400 of the 16,000 recipients were former Cal Grant B recipients disqualified for reported income above the Cal Grant B income ceilings. About 5,500 of the 9,400 former Cal Grant B recipients met both the Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B program requirements at the time they were initially awarded the Cal Grant B.

The Commission re-evaluated the records of these 5,500 students under the requirements of the Cal Grant A program, which has a higher income ceiling. Approximately 5,100 previously disqualified Cal Grant B recipients are now eligible under the Cal Grant A program.

Student Notifications

Students whose Cal Grant B award was withdrawn but who meet the Cal Grant A program requirements have been reinstated with a Cal Grant A award. The Commission will notify these students of their reinstatement. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your convenience.



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Cal Grant and WebGrants Processing

The Commission appreciates your partnership in our efforts to provide additional financial aid benefits to these students. We hope the list below will offer some guidance during the process of re-evaluating their financial aid packages:

- *CC Reserve* – The reinstated students attending the community college (CC) will automatically be placed on CC reserve as the Cal Grant A is not payable at this segment.
- *Grant Roster* – Beginning Monday, March 19, the reinstated students will appear on the grant roster as updated Cal Grant A renewals. No special designation, flag or comment will be assigned to these students. Schools are encouraged to download the most recent grant roster report to identify the Cal Grant A renewals.
- *Payments* – All payment codes, adjustment codes, and leave of absence rules still apply to these students.
- *Retroactive payments* – When posting retroactive payments, please use the units completed to determine the payment amount for that term. In addition, students who may have left the school but were eligible for a Cal Grant payment may receive the benefit for that term.
- *Award Summary & Student History Screens* – The screens will still retain the student's Cal Grant B award and payment history. Any payments or adjustments in the 2011-12 and following academic years will now appear as Cal Grant A. The student's remaining eligibility will carry over from their Cal Grant B. For example, if the student had 300% remaining eligibility as a Cal Grant B student, they will start with 300% remaining eligibility under the Cal Grant A program.

Please make every effort to contact students who have withdrawn or left school to inform them of their options for maintaining their Cal Grant eligibility. The Commission will identify those students without any payment activity on the Cal Grant rosters and again attempt to notify them of their options for reinstatement before the award withdrawal process is final.

Contact the School Support Services Branch at (888) 294-0153 or at schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov if you have any questions related to this Operations Memo.

Enclosure: Notification to Reinstated Cal Grant Recipients

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