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**SUBJECT:** Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) Update

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to update institutions on the status of the California Student Aid Commission's (Commission) Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE).

The APLE is a state-funded, competitive teacher incentive program designed to encourage outstanding students to become teachers and serve in areas within California where there is an identified critical teacher shortage.

### **Governor's Proposed 2012-13 State Budget and Potential Impact on APLE**

The Governor's proposed 2012-13 State Budget phases out the APLE program in 2012-13 by eliminating all new APLE award offers, while continuing to fund only current paid eligible participants through 2015-16. It is anticipated that this proposal may affect approximately 2,600 teachers.

As updates become available, information will be shared with participating institutions and APLE participants. In the meantime, the Commission will continue to accept nominated applications from institutions and agencies.

### **2012-13 APLE Online Application**

The 2012-13 APLE student application is **now available online** and can be electronically submitted to the Commission. We encourage new applicants to use the online application. Commission staff will make the APLE Nomination Screens available to participating institutions by early May so that APLE coordinators can begin reviewing and nominating applicants. More information and details on the institution's nomination process will be provided in an upcoming Operations Memo. Please encourage students to apply online at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) by selecting the APLE link.



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### **2012-13 APLE Paper Applications, Forms and Deadlines**

The 2012-13 Coordinator's Guide and Forms are now available and may be accessed from the main APLE homepage on the Commission's website at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=111>. Applications must be submitted by the priority **September 30, 2012** application deadline. If all allocations are not met by the priority deadline, the Commission will continue to accept eligible applications until **June 30, 2013**, or until all allocations are filled, whichever occurs first.

The number of allocations available to institutions will be provided in a later communication once the data becomes available to the Commission.

### **New Web Page for APLE Participants**

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new Web page specifically for APLE participants. The Web page is called "MyAPLE" and it provides APLE participants with useful information to view and obtain their program information and current status. To establish a MyAPLE account, participants must go to <https://myaple.csac.ca.gov/Admin/Logon.aspx>.

Once a MyAPLE account is created, participants will be able to view the following information:

- ✓ Demographics (participant name, mail and email addresses, phone, etc.)
- ✓ School (of attendance while pursuing credential)
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Loan(s)
- ✓ Payment(s)

Currently the data on the demographic screen is "view only," which means that participants will only be able to view their information and not be able to make changes. Participants can call or send us an email to update any of their information that may not be correct. The next release of MyAPLE will expand capability to make corrections or changes to their demographic information.

In our effort to improve and refine the way we administer the APLE program, we anticipate that participants will find MyAPLE beneficial as they progress in the APLE program.

### **APLE Webinar Training**

The Commission is pleased to announce the introduction of webinar training sessions for the APLE program. Sessions will include background information, procedural updates, and live chats to answer questions. Training sessions are scheduled on June 12, 2012 and October 16, 2012. Please refer to Operations Memo, [GOM 2012-01](#), dated January 18, 2012, for registration information. Reminders of these sessions will be sent thirty days prior to the dates scheduled.

### **2011-12 APLE Program**

APLE allocations for academic year 2011-12 have not been fully utilized. Please make every effort to publicize the availability of the program and disseminate information to potential applicants. The Commission will continue to accept paper applications for the 2011-12 academic year, until the **June 30, 2012 deadline**. Applications received after June 30, 2012 will not be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this Operations Memo or the APLE application process, please contact the Specialized Programs Branch at (888) 294-0153, option 2 or at [schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov).