



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2015-16 Cal Grant Renewal**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces that the Cal Grant renewal process was successfully completed.

- Approximately 234,000 current Cal Grant recipients are eligible to continue receiving their Cal Grants for the 2015-16 award year.

2015-16 Renewal Process

- Renewal applicants must meet specific financial eligibility criteria based on the year in which they were initially awarded. See [Income and Asset Ceiling](#) information for the 2015-16 academic year on the Commission's website.
- Additionally, these students must have received their 2014-15 payments or have leave of absence codes posted in their WebGrants accounts.
- Students who do not have qualifying 2014-15 transactions posted on WebGrants will be withdrawn from the program during the Commission's year-end reconciliation process in December.
- Students who were eligible for both Cal Grant A and B but received Cal Grant B awards during their initial year in the program, and did not meet the income and asset ceilings during the 2015-16 renewal process, were considered for a Cal Grant A.
- Students who did not meet the income and asset ceilings and/or minimum need criteria during the renewal process were notified of their disqualification. Students may view their Cal Grant status at www.webgrants4students.org.

Renewal Reports

The WebGrants "Data Transfer" screen contains reports which identify both disqualified students and those whose renewal eligibility is uncertain:

Unable to Determine Renewal Eligibility: This report identifies students with 2014-15 Cal Grant award offers who were not renewed because qualifying transaction codes (Notification of Payment or Leave of Absence Request) were not posted in WebGrants for the 2014-15 award year.

Disqualified Renewal Students: This report identifies those 2014-15 Cal Grant students disqualified for not meeting financial eligibility requirements.

CC Reserve Students

- Cal Grant A award recipients identified on community college rosters were renewed.
- Eligibility status for these students will be determined once a school change/transfer is made to an eligible non-community college.
- Once a school change is posted in WebGrants, student need is verified based on actual cost of attendance. The transfer campus may initiate corrections or exercise professional judgment for students found ineligible based on renewal requirements.

2015-16 Award Amounts

Renewal award amounts are determined by both school segment and the year in which individual students entered the program. The table below displays award amounts and will be available for review on the 2015-16 WebGrants roster.

| Private/Public-Other Non-Profit Segments 05, 06, 08 | | | | Vocational/Private For Profit Segment 07 | | | |
|--|------------|----------------------|----------------|---|------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Program Code | Award Type | Entered Program Year | Award Amount | Program Code | Award Type | Entered Program Year | Award Amount |
| A | T/F | 2013-14 | \$9,084 | A | T/F | 2013-14 | \$4,000^ |
| A | T/F | 2014-15 | \$9,084 | A | T/F | 2014-15 | \$4,000^ |
| A | T/F | 2015-16 | \$9,084 | A | T/F | 2015-16 | \$4,000^ |
| B | T/F | 2013-14 | \$9,084 | B | T/F | 2013-14 | \$4,000^ |
| B | T/F | 2014-15 | \$9,084 | B | T/F | 2014-15 | \$4,000^ |
| B* | T/F | 2015-16 | \$9,084 | B* | T/F | 2015-16 | \$4,000^ |
| B | Access | Any | \$1,656 | B | Access | Any | \$1,656 |

Entered Program Year = Student's "Auto-Acc" year.

B* = Cal Grant B does not pay T/F to Education Level 1 students.

\$4,000^ = Award amount is \$9,084 if the school is WASC accredited.

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