



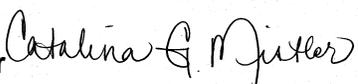
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Final Draft of the 2012-16 Institutional Participation Agreement

This Special Alert provides Cal Grant participating institutions with the opportunity to review and provide comments on the final draft of the 2012-16 Cal Grant Program Institutional Participation Agreement (Agreement).

As provided in state law, the Agreement is the managing document in place between postsecondary institutions and the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) which specifies the requirements for institutional participation in the Cal Grant Programs.

In preparation for the current Agreement's expiration and the execution of a new Agreement on July 1, 2012, Commission staff has consulted with the various segmental representatives, institutions, and financial aid community to request input and suggestions for the updated Agreement. Teleconferences, webinars, and in-person meetings were held, in addition to posting the draft Agreements on the Commission's website for individuals to provide input and the opportunity for public comments at two Commission meetings.

Commission staff appreciates and thanks everyone who participated in the public comment process as we received over 200 comments on the initial and second drafts of the Agreement. The extensive feedback primarily addressed procedural clarification and operational processes, and over 70 percent of the recommendations received are now incorporated in the final draft.

The final draft Agreement with track changes will be presented to the Commissioners for approval and adoption at the upcoming April public meeting. The draft Agreement can be viewed at <http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=1282>. Details on the upcoming Commission meeting will be posted later this month.

Please submit recommendations, comments, or questions on the final draft Agreement by **April 11, 2012** to Barbara Fitzpatrick at (916) 464-7291 or at bfitzpat@csac.ca.gov.

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