



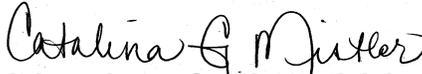
SPECIAL ALERT

Update of the California Student Aid Commission

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing for the Cal Grant Program and Participating Institution Data Reporting Requirements

This Special Alert provides an update on the California Student Aid Commission's (Commission) consultation process for the Cal Grant Program and Participating institution Data Reporting Requirements proposed regulations and announces the upcoming public hearing.

On March 24, 2011, Senate Bill (SB) 70 was chaptered into California law amending sections 69432.7, 69432.9, and 69433.6 of the California Education Code (CEC). SB 70 also added section 69433.2 to the CEC. These changes began affecting Cal Grant participating institutions and students in the 2011-12 academic year.

In May 2012, Commission staff began its consultative process by holding webinars and teleconferences for segmental representatives, financial aid administrators and other interested parties, to begin drafting the proposed regulations. We received numerous suggestions that were considered and included in the proposed regulations. On July 6, 2012, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) posted the proposed regulations on its website for public comment. During the 45 day public comment period, written comments need to be received by the OAL or the Commission by 5:00 pm on August 20, 2012 to be considered.

During July and August 2012, Commission staff continued to hold webinars to present information on the proposed regulations, answer questions, and clarify issues. In addition, the Commission is holding a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2012, at Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, California, 95822, Room LRC 105 (1st floor of Learning Resource Center). Attached is the public hearing notice with the details.



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At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed regulatory action. We request, but do not require, that any persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a written summary of their statements. No oral statements will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

Please contact Kristen Trimarche at (916) 464-6439 or Ktrimarc@csac.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Enclosure: Notice of Rescheduled Public Hearing

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