



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2021-22 Cal Grant Renewal**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the 2021-22 Cal Grant renewal process that took place on **June 25, 2021**.

2021-22 Renewal Process

- Cal Grant recipients were renewed for the 2021-22 academic year if they met the following conditions:
 - Had all 2020-21 terms satisfied with a payment or another eligible transaction code posted on WebGrants, such as a Leave of Absence (LA). Students who do not have qualifying 2020-21 transactions posted will be withdrawn from the program during the year-end reconciliation process.
 - Had completed a 2021-22 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.
- Students will continue to be renewed on a weekly basis as they complete their 2021-22 financial aid application and/or schools post eligible transactions on their records.
- Renewal applicants must continue to meet financial eligibility criteria. See [Income and Asset Ceiling](#) information for the 2021-22 academic year on the Commission's [College Resource Document website](#).
 - Students who were eligible for both Cal Grant A and B in the initial award year, but failed to meet the lower income and asset ceiling of Cal Grant B in the renewal year, are eligible to renew with a Cal Grant A.
- Cal Grant recipients who were ineligible for a renewal award during the prior year because they exceeded income and asset ceilings or did not demonstrate financial need, were eligible to receive a renewal award if:
 1. The recipient met all eligibility requirements for the 2021-22 renewal and;
 2. The recipient had remaining program award eligibility
 - If these criteria were met, the award was renewed, and the recipient's Cal Grant eligibility was reduced by 100%.
- Students were notified of their renewal eligibility or disqualification. Students may view their Cal Grant status in their [WebGrants 4 Students](#) account.

- Renewal award amounts were determined by both school type and the year in which the student entered the program.

Renewal Reports

The WebGrants "Data Transfer" screen contains reports which identify both disqualified students and those whose renewal eligibility could not be determined:

- Disqualified Renewal Students: This report identifies students who were disqualified for not meeting 2021-22 Cal Grant financial eligibility requirements.
- Unable to Determine Renewal Eligibility: This report identifies students with 2020-21 Cal Grant award offers that were withdrawn during year-end reconciliation because qualifying transaction codes were not reported for the 2020-21 award year.

Please contact Institutional Support if you have questions regarding students' eligibility to renew their Cal Grant awards.

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