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California Student Aid Commission Statement on the Department of Education's Actions Against Heald College

SACRAMENTO – Executive Director Diana Fuentes-Michel issued the following statement on the U.S. Department of Education's actions against Heald College:

"Heald College's Institutional Participation Agreement (IPA) with the California Student Aid Commission is now terminated. Heald Colleges are no longer eligible to participate in the Cal Grant program. The Commission is committed to protecting students and taxpayers; it has not received any additional information from Heald on its financial circumstances as requested at the February 19-20, 2015 Commission meeting.

After a comprehensive review, the U.S. Department of Education has determined that Heald College is no longer allowed to enroll students and must prepare to help its current students either complete their education or continue it elsewhere.

On April 16, 2015, the Commission will review how to handle approximately $3.4 million in Cal Grants awarded to 2,058 eligible Heald College students; awards slated for payment in the academic spring quarter (ending April 12, 2015). The Commission's audit staff is currently examining the spring quarter remittance submitted by Heald College for its validity and accuracy."

Students may contact the California Student Aid Commission Student Support toll-free number at 1-888-224-7268 Monday through Thursday from 9:00am – 4:45pm and on Fridays from 10:00am – 4:45pm. The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General has established the following links for students: http://www.oag.ca.gov/heald and http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/general/consumers_cii_faqs also https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-kamala-d-harris-issues-statement-department-education%E2%80%99s-actio-0.

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