



OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2018-19 Cal Grant Renewal**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the upcoming 2018-19 Cal Grant renewal process currently scheduled for **June 22, 2018**.

2018-19 Renewal Process

- Cal Grant recipients will be renewed for the 2018-19 academic year if they meet the following conditions:
 - Have all 2017-18 terms satisfied with a payment or another eligible transaction code posted on WebGrants, such as a Leave of Absence. Students who do not have qualifying 2017-18 transactions posted, will be withdrawn from the program during the year-end reconciliation process.
 - Have completed a 2018-19 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.
- Renewal applicants must continue to meet financial eligibility criteria. See [Income and Asset Ceiling](#) information for the 2018-19 academic year on the Commission's 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, will be eligible to receive a renewal award if:
 1. The recipient meets all eligibility requirements for the 2018-19 renewal and;
 2. The recipient has remaining program award eligibility
 - The recipient's Cal Grant eligibility will be reduced by 100%
- Students will be notified of their renewal eligibility or disqualification. Students may view their Cal Grant status in their [WebGrants for Students](#) account.
- Renewal award amounts are determined by both, school segment 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 cannot be determined:

- Disqualified Renewal Students: This report identifies students who were disqualified for not meeting 2018-19 Cal Grant financial eligibility requirements.
- Unable to Determine Renewal Eligibility: This report identifies students with 2017-18 Cal Grant award offers that were withdrawn during year-end reconciliation because qualifying transaction codes were not reported for the 2017-18 award year.

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

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