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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2021-22 California Community College Entitlement Cycle Phase II

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the 2021-22 California Community College (CCC) Cal Grant Entitlement cycle (E3). As announced in <u>GOM 2021-34</u>, the Commission implemented Phase I of the E3 cycle on November 12, 2021. The new program establishes Cal Grant A and B entitlement eligibility for students attending a CCC who were not awarded at the time of high school graduation.

Phase II

The Commission implemented Phase II of the E3 cycle on January 21, 2022.

- Approximately 40,000 new CCC Entitlement Cal Grant awards were offered to current CCC students.
- School Changes Full school change functionality is now available for students awarded in the E3 cycle. Please see 'Award Portability' below for more information.

Award Portability

Students who receive a Cal Grant under this provision are permitted to retain their remaining Cal Grant eligibility when transferring to a CSU or UC campus so long as they receive at least one payment at a CCC and continue to meet financial and academic requirements.

If a school change is performed under the following scenarios, the award will be withdrawn:

- School change to a CSU or UC campus prior to the student receiving at least one payment at a CCC (exception: Cal Grant A award in CC Reserve)
- School change to a private university or other public institution that is not a CCC, CSU or UC. Withdrawn students in this scenario who applied by the March 2, 2021 deadline may receive consideration for a Transfer Entitlement award or a Competitive award.

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