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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2015 Cal Grant Program Handbook**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the release of the 2015 Cal Grant Program Handbook (handbook). This handbook replaces the 2011 Cal Grant Program Manual, and is intended to provide financial aid administrators with pertinent information to successfully administer the Cal Grant programs.

- The handbook describes the Cal Grant programs and outlines operational and eligibility requirements, program application processes, policies and procedures.
- The 2015 Cal Grant Handbook Workgroup was established in February 2015, with participation from all segments, in an effort to solicit comments and feedback regarding the updated handbook.
- In coordination with segmental representatives, Commission staff performed a comprehensive assessment and revision of the handbook, in which:
  - Redundancies were removed
  - Information was re-arranged for better flow
  - Additional charts and screen prints were included
  - A glossary of terms was incorporated
  - A resource section was added
  - Pertinent hyperlinks were added within the document.
- As a result, you may now access and view or download the initial version of the 2015 Cal Grant Handbook by visiting [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), hovering over the "COLLEGES" tab, and selecting "2015 Cal Grant Program Handbook."
- This initial version is open for further review; please provide Commission staff with feedback and any suggested edits you may have via email at [cgmanual@csac.ca.gov](mailto:cgmanual@csac.ca.gov). This is a living document and will be updated as needed.

Commission staff thanks the workgroup participants for their time commitment and their valuable contributions during this review process. Thank you for partnering with us in this effort to better serve our Cal Grant students.

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