



# SPECIAL ALERT

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2016 Annual Interest Earned Past Due**

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This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) notifies institutions that the **March 1, 2017** deadline to remit interest earned on Cal Grant funds for the 2016 calendar year has passed. Institutions that have not met this deadline are instructed to remit interest on Cal Grant funds without further delay to remain in compliance.

- A Special Alert was sent out on January 12, 2017 notifying financial aid administrators of the upcoming deadline ([GSA 2017-03](#)).
- As stated in the 2016-17 Institution Participation Agreement, Article III (D)(2):
  - *"Annual interest earned on Cal Grant funds constitute State funds and must be remitted to the Commission on behalf of the State no later than March 1 following the calendar year for which the interest accrued (e.g. March 1, 2017, for calendar year 2016)."*
- When returning interest, neither bank-related fees associated with maintaining the account nor negative interest associated with an institution's use of non-state funds for Cal Grant students should be deducted from the accrued interest.
  - Both of these amounts reflect expenses that cannot be offset against the interest earned by the advance of State funds for the Cal Grant program.
- Institutions should complete the [Interest Remittance Form](#) and mail it with the respective interest earned check. This will allow the Commission to correctly identify the purpose of the check and apply it to the institution.

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