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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: FAFSA Comment Code 399 and its Effect on Commission Programs

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Comment Code 399.

- Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year “prior-prior year” income tax information was used to complete the FAFSA.
- The US Department of Education implemented Comment Code 399 to identify any discrepancies in the income tax information reported on a student’s 2016-17 and 2017-18 FAFSA.
- Institutions are required by law to review these applications and compare 2015 income and tax related items for both award years to determine the accuracy of reported information.
- 2016-17 students flagged with a Comment Code 399 who are unable to clear their discrepancies, will be ineligible for 2017-18 payments until the conflicting information is resolved.

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