



# SPECIAL ALERT

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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators  
Accounting Officers

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SUBJECT: **2017 Interest Remittance Deadline**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds institutions to remit interest that was earned on Cal Grant funds during the 2017 calendar year. Interest should be remitted to the Commission by **March 1, 2018** in accordance with the 2017-21 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, 2018, for calendar year 2017)."*

- The account(s) in which Cal Grant funds are held must be an interest-bearing account, an investment account, or an equivalent account at a financial institution with a presence in California whose accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).
- Institutions shall calculate interest on Cal Grant funds in the same manner used by its financial institution or investment pool.
- Institutions cannot deduct negative interest or bank-related fees from the accrued interest that is sent to the Commission. 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 use the most recent version of the [Interest Remittance Form](#) and mail it along with the respective interest earned check. This form should be returned even if the institution earned no interest.

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