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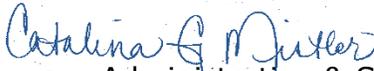


Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **Senate Bill 68- Expanding Assembly Bill 540**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) explains the expansion of Assembly Bill (AB) 540 through Senate Bill (SB) 68, as well as, who makes the final certification of AB 540 eligibility.

AB 540

AB 540 created an exemption for the payment of non-resident tuition for certain non-resident students who meet specific requirements. AB 2000 expanded the scope of AB 540 in 2014. The eligibility requirements for AB 540 and AB 2000 are:

- Attend a California high school for 3 or more years, or
- Attend either a California elementary or California secondary school, or
- A mix of both for a total of 3 or more years.
- The student must register or be currently enrolled at an accredited institution of public higher education in California.
- The student must file an affidavit as required by individual institutions, stating they will apply for legal residency as soon as possible.
- The student must not hold a valid non-immigrant visa

SB 68

On October 5, 2017, Governor Brown signed SB 68 which went into effect on January 1, 2018 and qualifies more students for in-state tuition. This bill also gives more students the ability to apply for financial aid through the California Dream Act Application (CADAA).

SB 68 makes the following changes:

- Students are now able to attain the requirement of 3 or more years of credits or full-time attendance at these additional institutions based on unit completion or class hours per year:
 - California adult schools established by any of the following entities:
 - A county office of education
 - A unified school district or high school district
 - The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Campuses of the California Community Colleges

- Students who don't graduate from a California High School can also:
 - Attain an associate degree from a campus of the California Community Colleges,
 - Or fulfill the minimum transfer requirements established for the University of California or the California State University when transferring from a campus of the California Community Colleges

The full text of SB 68 can be found here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB68

Certification of Eligibility

The Commission encourages all students to apply for financial aid via the CADAA or the Free Application for Financial Aid. The institution attended will certify AB 540 eligibility.

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