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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Assembly Bill 2248: Communications to Students (Revised)**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides information on the requirements placed upon the Commission and qualifying institutions brought forth by Assembly Bill (AB) 2248 that added [Section 69432.95](#) to the California Education Code (CEC).

AB 2248 requires that the Commission and qualifying institutions, as defined, notify students of both the following:

1. Cal Grant A and B awards are limited to 4 academic years, except as provided in subdivision (c) of [Section 69433.6](#) of the CEC.
 2. Students need to take 15 units per semester or the equivalent quarter units, or 30 semester units or the equivalent quarter units per academic year, in order to graduate within four years.
- Institutions are required to notify their students in writing during the following periods:
 - New students during orientation.
 - Continuing students receiving state financial aid, upon annual registration.
 - During online registration, if the student registers for fewer than 15 semester units or the equivalent, a box for the student to confirm acknowledgement must be provided.
 - The Commission is required to notify Cal Grant A and B awardees in writing (which may include electronic mail) during the initial award year and renewal of their Cal Grant.
 - The Commission is currently including the following verbiage in Cal Grant award letters and email communications to students:

Important: Cal Grant funding is limited to 4 academic years. In order to graduate in 4 years, you must complete 15 units or more per semester or the equivalent quarter units. Create a plan with your academic counselor to ensure you will graduate in four years.

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