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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Commission Program Updates (SB 169)

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update regarding changes to Commission programs as the result of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 169](#).

SB 169 amends the education code to:

- Remove the Selective Service registration verification requirement, including for the 2021-22 award year.
 - Selective Service registration is no longer a requirement for male students between the ages of 18 and 25 to receive state financial aid.
 - The Commission shall not consider Selective Service registration in any future audits covering the 2021-22 academic year.
 - These changes supersede previous announcements regarding Selective Service registration requirements for the 2021-22 award year, including [GSA 2021-27](#).
- Require that the Commission utilize the cohort-default rates certified in 2020, rather than the new 2021 rates, for purposes of assessing which institutions are eligible for Cal Grant participation in the 2022-23 award year.
- Clarify that the new 2021-22 Cal Grant tuition award amount for private, non-profit institutions (\$9,220) is applicable to new and renewal recipients.
- Clarify that students enrolled in teacher preparation programs from out-of-state, online providers should not be eligible for Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) awards.
- Grant the Commission authority to adopt emergency regulations it deems necessary for the implementation of the GSTG program.
- Clarify the income and asset ceiling for the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) in the 2022-23 award year is \$201,000.
- Require that the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) maintain institutional aid budgets as the MCS expansion is implemented.

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