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## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **Emergency Regulatory Amendments to the Golden State Teacher Grant (GSTG) Program**

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) approved the [emergency regulatory amendments to the Golden State Teacher Grant \(GSTG\) Program](#) at its November 30, 2023, Commission meeting. The [Notice of Proposed Emergency Action](#) was posted on the Commission's website on Monday, December 4, 2023. The 5-day public notice period for the amendments will end Friday, December 8.

### Summary of the Emergency Regulation Amendments

On September 13, 2023, Senate Bill 142 (SB 142) (Stats. 2023, Ch. 195, Sec. 3) amended Education Code Section 69617 and added Education Code Section 69617.5 to provide additional changes to the GSTG Program.

The amendments include:

- **Section 30520:** Added a definition of California Preschool Program pursuant to Education Code 69617.
- **Section 30520:** Expanded the definition of "Institution" to include private postsecondary institutions that exclusively offer eligible online credential programs to California residents and that meet the requirements of Education Code Section 69617.5.
- **Section 30520:** Expanded the definition of "Eligible Applicant" to include students who have enrolled, or applied for enrollment, on or after January 1, 2020, in a professional preparation program leading to a preliminary teaching credential or a pupil personnel services credential.
- **Section 30520:** Expanded the definition of "Maximum Award" to include a \$10,000 maximum for students enrolled at specified institutions meeting the requirements of Education Code Section 69617.5.
- **Section 30523(i):** Clarified that an applicant may receive a GSTG award for only one eligible professional preparation program.

- **Section 30524(c)(2):** Added language regarding the \$10,000 maximum award determination for institutions that meet the requirements of Education Code Section 69617.5.
- **Section 30526(a):** Clarified that electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments will be made directly to institutions and paper warrants will be made payable to the Eligible Applicant in care of the institution.
- **Section 30526(2)(b):** Clarified that an applicant eligible for a maximum award of \$10,000, but who received less than \$10,000 during their initial GSTG Program award year, may receive additional funds in subsequent academic years so long as the applicant remains in compliance with all program requirements and the total amount disbursed does not exceed \$10,000.
- **Section 30527:** Added that recipients may choose to complete their service requirement at a California Preschool Program or a priority school.
- **Section 30527(a)(1):** Updated the requirement that a grant recipient must obtain their credential within three years of receiving their initial grant award to six years, pursuant to Education Code Section 69617.
- **Section 30528:** Clarified the process by which students interested in a professional preparation program leading to a preliminary teaching credential or a pupil personnel services credential may request a pre-enrollment conditional award notice from the Commission, pursuant to subdivision (e) of Education Code Section 69617.

Inquiries or comments concerning the proposed amendments may be submitted by fax to (916) 464-6411 or by email to [rulemaking@csac.ca.gov](mailto:rulemaking@csac.ca.gov).

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