



NASFAA University Authorized Training Student Eligibility

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Lesson 1: Introduction to Student Eligibility



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How Does a Student Become Eligible?

Meet general and program-specific criteria:

- Before aid is awarded or disbursed
- Schools cannot impose additional eligibility requirements



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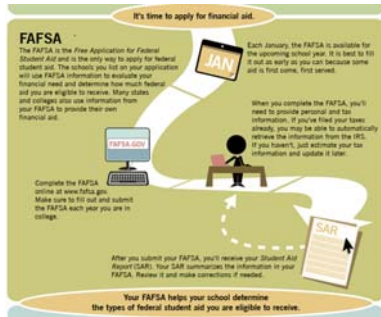
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Lesson 2: Criteria Checked Via the Application Process



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Application Process



Source: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources



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Agency	Eligibility Criterion
Social Security Administration (SSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verifies student's claim of U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status Verifies student's and parent's (if the student is dependent) SSNs are correct and the SSN corresponds to the individual's name and date of birth Checks whether student's and parent's (if the student is dependent) SSN belongs to a deceased person or is associated with a date of death
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verifies student's eligible noncitizen status through primary confirmation (sometimes called primary verification) and automated secondary confirmation processes
Selective Service System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verifies registration of eligible males with Selective Service
National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verifies student's default and overpayment status Informs school if fraudulently obtained Title IV funds have not been repaid Ensures annual and aggregate award limits are not exceeded Informs the school if the student subsequently becomes ineligible for Title IV funds based on new data in NSLDS Performs check for a student's Unusual Enrollment History (UEH)
Department of Justice (DOJ) via ED Hold File	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED hold file lists individuals whose eligibility for federal benefits, including student aid, has been suspended or terminated by a judge under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988
Department of Defense (DoD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies students who may be eligible for increased aid as the child of a parent or guardian who died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after 9/11/01
Student (self-certification only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worksheet to FAFSA Question 23 asks applicant whether he or she has disqualifying drug offense convictions



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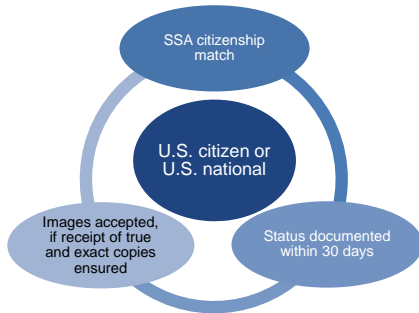
Reject Codes and C-Codes

Reject code	C-Code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAA Information section • EFC not calculated • Instructions for resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record is flagged with "C" • Ineligible until resolved • Collect documentation and submit any corrections • EFC calculated, but cannot be used



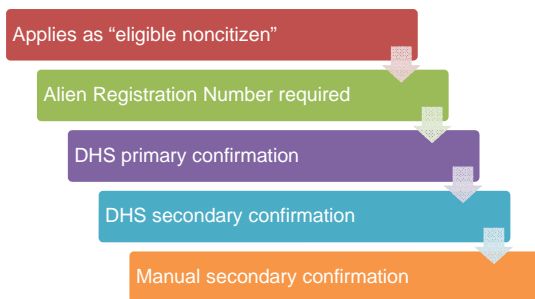
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Citizenship Status



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Social Security Number

- Student SSN
- Parent SSN
- Date of Death



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Selective Service Registration

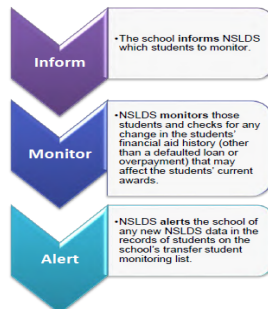
- Mandatory for males between 18 – 26 years of age
- Exemptions
- No database match
 - Documentation of eligible status
 - School determination of eligibility



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Defaults, Overpayments and Fraud

- No aid awarded or disbursed until resolved
- NSLDS:
 - Pre- and post-screening
 - Transfer Student Monitoring
 - School checks parent PLUS borrowers





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Unusual Enrollment History

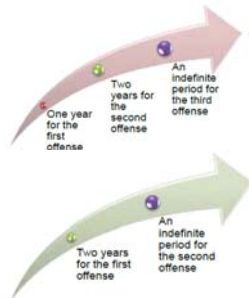
- NSLDS reveals unusual enrollment patterns
 - Recipients of Pell Grants and certain Direct Loans within previous four years
 - Undergraduate and graduate enrollment reviewed independently
 - School may need to review enrollment records
 - If no academic credit earned, student must explain
 - Student must have opportunity to appeal
 - School's decision is final



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Drug Convictions

- Department of Justice
- Self-reported via FAFSA Question 23
 - Worksheet helps student determine status
 - Loss of eligibility may be regained





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Department of Defense

- Increased eligibility for certain students:
 - Death of parent or guardian
 - Result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001
 - Student was under 24 or enrolled in college
- Qualify for maximum Pell or equivalent IASG award (apply sequestration reduction)



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Academic Credentials

- Regular student with one of the following:
 - High school diploma or recognized equivalent
 - Home schooling at secondary level
 - Ability to benefit
 - Available if first enrolled prior to July 1, 2012
 - Different rules if first enrolled on or after July 1, 2014 and enrolled in an eligible career pathway program



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Ability-to-Benefit Alternatives

Type of Program in Which Student Is Currently Enrolled	Student First Enrolled in Any Title IV Eligible Postsecondary Program		
	Prior to July 1, 2012 (Grandfathered Students ¹)	On or after July 1, 2012 and prior to July 1, 2014	On or after July 1, 2014
Title IV eligible postsecondary program only	Eligible for all Title IV aid programs	Not eligible for Title IV aid	Not eligible for Title IV aid
Title IV eligible postsecondary program and an eligible career pathway program ²	Eligible for all Title IV aid programs, however, restrictions apply to awarding Title IV aid for eligible career pathway coursework	Not eligible for Title IV aid	Eligible for all Title IV aid programs, however, restrictions apply to awarding Title IV aid for eligible career pathway coursework

Note: For more information, refer to Dear Colleague Letter GEN-15-09, published on May 22, 2015, as well as GEN-12-09 for grandfathered students.

¹Students who qualified under the ATB grandfathering provisions outlined in GEN-12-09.

²The eligible career pathway program may be a separate program or a component of the student's Title IV eligible postsecondary program.



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Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Policy requirements
- Qualitative and quantitative standards
- Frequency of evaluation
- Appeals
 - Financial aid warning
 - Financial aid probation
 - Academic plans



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Criteria Not Specifically Checked

- Simultaneous enrollment
- Judgment lien
- Incarceration
- Fraud



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Lesson 4: Educational Coursework and Programs Affecting Student Eligibility



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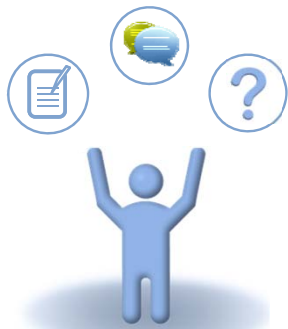
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Educational Coursework

- Correspondence
- Distance education
- Remedial
- ESL Programs



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Programs Affecting Student Eligibility

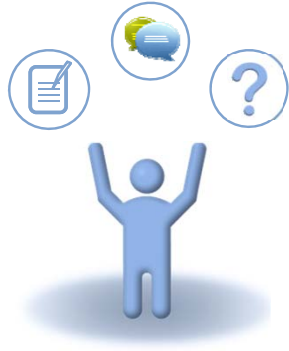
- Direct assessment programs
- Comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs
- Short-term programs
- Eligible career pathway programs



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Clock/Credit-Hour Conversion

- Purpose
- Exempt programs
- Definition of clock-hour programs
- Impact on:
 - Program eligibility
 - Student eligibility



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Program: Legal Eagles Institute has a one-year, credit-hour certificate court reporting program, which it offers in semesters. Students enrolled in the program complete 24 semester hours over 33 weeks. Because the program does not lead to an associate degree or higher, and is not fully transferable, the clock/credit-hour conversion requirement applies. Legal Eagles Institute has determined the total number of hours of instruction measured in clock hours is 600.

Clock/Credit-Hour Conversion Formula Worksheet

- Step 1:** Determine the actual number of clock hours of instruction in the credit-hour program.
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- Step 2:** Apply the appropriate conversion formula to convert the total number of clock hours back to a revised number of credit hours. (choose the correct formula)
- For a program offered in semesters or trimesters, divide the number of clock hours in the program by 37.5 hours of instruction.
 - For a program offered in quarters, divide the number of clock hours in the program by 25 hours of instruction.
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- Step 3:** Use the revised number of credit hours to determine the length of the program for Title IV purposes.



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Changes in Student's Eligibility Status

- Gaining eligibility
 - SAP
 - Resolution of issues with SSN, citizenship and Selective Service registration
 - Resolution of any other issues
- Losing eligibility



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