

Page 2009-10	Page 2010-11	Section	Change, Add, Delete, or Move
5 of 29	5 of 30	802. Program Overview	*Change "The Georgia HERO Scholarship Program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §20-3-485, §20-3-486, and §20-3-487, et. seq., in its entirety" to "The Georgia General Assembly created the Georgia HERO Scholarship Program beginning with the 2005-2006 Award year (Sate fiscal year 2006). The program is administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §20-3-485, §20-3-486, and §20-3-487, et. seq., in its entirety."
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Academic Year"	*Change "would normally be expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters or three quarters of instruction" to "is expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters or three quarters of postsecondary coursework".
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Alternative Study"	* Retiring use of the term "Alternative Study"
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of Appeal"	*Retiring use of the term "Appeal"
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Administrative Review"	*Add "Administrative Review" means a review by Commission staff of an eligibility determination made by an Eligible Postsecondary Institution or by the Commission to determine if an Accel program rule, policy, or regulation was applied correctly in a student's specific case. A formal, written request from a student must be submitted to the Commission within 45 days of the notice of eligibility or determination for which an Administrative Review is sought.
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Award Year"	*Add "or the Non-Standard equivalent, or the Non-Term equivalent. *Delete "No student shall receive HERO payment for more than two semesters or three quarters per Award Year."
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Award Year Reconciliation"	*Delete "immediately following the completion of an Award Year"
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Baccalaureate Degree"	*Change "upon completion of a unified program of study in an academic discipline or major at the Undergraduate level." to " upon completion of a unified Undergraduate program of study in an academic discipline or major."
7 of 29	7 of 30	Definition of Certificate	*Change "means a credential indicating satisfactory completion of training in an organized technical program of study offered by a postsecondary educational institution, which is not an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree, or Graduate Program of Study" to "means an academic credential granted by a postsecondary institution indicating satisfactory completion of training by a student in an organized technical Undergraduate program of study which is not a Diploma program of study, an Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, Graduate Degree, or Continuing Education."
7 of 29	7 of 30	Definition of Certificate	*Add "a Certificate program of study typically requires fewer credit hours than a Diploma program of study."

7 of 29	7 of 30	Definition of "Degree"	*Change "means a two-year Associate Degree or four-year Baccalaureate Degree conferred on students by a postsecondary institution, upon completion of an organized undergraduate program of study." to "means an Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, or Undergraduate Degree conferred on students by a postsecondary institution, upon completion of a unified postsecondary program of study in an academic discipline or major."
8 of 29	8 of 30	Definition of "Diploma"	*Change "means a credential indicating satisfactory completion of training in a technical program of study offered by a postsecondary institution, which is not an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree or Graduate program of study" to "means an academic credential granted by a postsecondary institution indicating satisfactory completion of training by a student in an organized technical Undergraduate program of study which is not a Certificate program of study, an Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, Graduate Degree or Continuing Education." *Add "A diploma program of study typically requires more credit hours than a Certificate program of study."
8 of 29	8 of 30	Definition of "Exception"	*Change "GSFC Board of Commissioners" to "Board"
8 of 29	8 of 30	Definition of "Georgia Resident" or "Georgia Residency"	*Change "means an individual or the status of such individual who is attending a USG or TCSG institution and meets the in-state tuition requirements of the Board of regents or the governing body of the Technical College system of Georgia, as specific and limited by these regulations, or for students attending private eligible Postsecondary Institutions, meets the criteria of the Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulation, as specified and limited by these regulations. For purposes of the HERO Scholarship Program, the term "Georgia Resident" is synonymous with "legal resident of Georgia" and Citizen of the state., as used in O.C.G.A. §20-3-495 (2)(A)(ii)." to "means an individual or the status of such individual who is a United States citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen and meets the in-state Tuition requirements of the Board of Regents or the governing body of the TCSG Eligible Postsecondary Institution he or she attends, as specified and limited by these regulations, or for students attending private Eligible Postsecondary Institutions, meets the criteria of the Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations, as specified and limited by these regulations. for purposes of the HERO Scholarship Program, the term "Georgia Resident" is synonymous with "legal resident of Georgia" and "citizen of the state", as used in O.C.G.A. §20-3-485 (2)(A)(ii)."

9 of 29	9 of 30	Definition of "HOPE"	*Change "HOPE" means Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally, a State of Georgia student financial aid program that provides non-repayable scholarship and grant assistance to Georgia Residents attending Eligible Postsecondary Institutions in Georgia. The components that comprise HOPE are the HOPE Scholarship Program, HOPE Grant Program, and HOPE GED Grant Program. HOPE is authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §20-3-519, funded by Georgia Lottery appropriations, and administered by the Commission in accordance with the HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, HOPE Grant Program Regulations, and HOPE GED Grant Program Regulations." to "HOPE Scholarship Program" or "HOPE Scholarship" means a State of Georgia student financial aid program that provides merit-based scholarship assistance to Georgia Residents seeking Degrees from Eligible Postsecondary Institutions. The HOPE Scholarship Program is authorized by the O.C.G.A. §20-3-519 et seq., funded by Georgia Lottery appropriations, and administered by the Commission in accordance with the HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations."
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Non-Standard Term"	*Change "means a school term" to "means a term"
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Parent"	*Change "the natural mother or father" to "the natural/biological mother or father"
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Part-Time"	*Change "means enrollment for the equivalent of 1 through 11 quarter or semester hours, per school term, of postsecondary credit at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution" to "means Enrollment for the equivalent of 1 through 11 quarter or semester hours, during a term, of postsecondary credit at a postsecondary institution."
11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "Study Abroad"	*Retiring use of the term "Study Abroad"
N/A	11 of 30	Definition of "Study Away"	*Add "Study Away" means postsecondary credit-earning coursework approved by an Eligible Postsecondary Institution for its students in locations outside the state of Georgia, including locations in foreign countries."
11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "Term-Reconciliation"	*Change "at the end of each school term" to "at the end of each term"
11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "Transient"	*Change "means a student is attending a Host Institution and is granted temporary admission for the purpose of completing coursework and earning postsecondary credit to transfer back to his or her Home Institution." to "means temporary admission to a Host Institution for the purpose of completing coursework and earning postsecondary credit that the Home Institution has agreed to accept as transferable postsecondary credit."

11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "Tuition"	*Change "means the charges to a student for instruction without regard to other fees (technology, activity, athletic, health)." to "means the charges to a student for postsecondary academic instruction without regard to other fees such as technology, activity, athletic, health, etc."
13 of 29	13 of 30	804.4. Satisfactory Academic Progress	*Add " as defined and certified by"
17 of 29	17 of 30	806.5. Transient Coursework	*Add 806.5.d. The Home institution is liable for the return of funds the student receives at the Host institution, if the Home institution erroneously certifies the student's eligibility to the Host institution.
18 of 29	18 of 30	806.6 Study Abroad Coursework	*Change "Study Abroad Coursework" to "Study Away Coursework" in the heading and body of this section
18 of 29	18 of 30	806.7. Alternative Study Coursework	*Delete this section completely
23 of 29	23 of 30	809.1. Submission of Invoices	*Change "15 days" to "15 calendar days"
24 of 29	24 of 30	810.1.c. Calculation of Refunds	*Change 810.1.c. to "c. The Eligible Postsecondary Institution must determine the amount of the refund due back to the HERO program. The amount of the HERO award not determined to be owed back to the HERO program is retained by the institution to cover the institutions' cost for the portion of the school term that the student was enrolled." *Add 810.1.c.1. "The Eligible Postsecondary Institution must adjust the student's invoice in SURFER to the new award amount remaining after the refund is calculated within 45 days of the determination." *Add 810.1.c.2. "If the Eligible Postsecondary Institution has sufficient funds on hand to return to the Commission the refund owed to the HERO program, it should return the funds within 45 days of the refund determination. The Eligible Postsecondary Institution would then collect the refund amount from the student. However, the student should not be reported with a "Refund Due" status to the Commission since the funds have been repaid to the Commission." *Add 810.1.c.3. "If the Eligible Postsecondary Institution does not have sufficient funds on hand to return to the Commission the refund owed to the HERO program, the student is considered to have a "Refund Due" to the Commission and the institution must report the student to the Commission with a "Refund Due" status."
27 of 29	27 of 30	812.3. Extended Retention	*Change "An institution" to "An Eligible Postsecondary Institution"
	28 of 30	813. Appeals and Exceptions	*Change word "Appeal" to "Administrative Review" in entire section

29 of 29	29 of 30	814.2. Compliance Review Process	<p>*Change 814.2 to include 814.2.a. "The Commission selects a sampling of the institution's recipients, for the Award Year under review, and the institution's files and records for the sample are examined to assure compliance. Each Eligible Postsecondary Institution must have all student-records, which document and support the eligibility of that institution's recipients, available for review by the Commission on the campus of the Eligible Postsecondary Institution, and such campus must be located within the State of Georgia. (Refer to Section 812.)."</p>
N/A	29 of 30	814.2.b Compliance Review Process	<p>*Add 814.2.b. The Commission will exclude from review the Residency determinations and Satisfactory Academic progress (SAP) determinations, as they relate to Section 804.2. and 804.4 of these regulations, made for HERO recipients in the selected sample for any USG or TCSG Eligible Postsecondary Institution which has submitted to the Compliance Department of Georgia Student Finance Commission a certification signed by the President of the Eligible Postsecondary Institution that the Eligible Postsecondary Institution is in compliance with its policies and procedures in the determination and the administration of the financial aid award process relative to Residency requirements and Satisfactory Academic Progress, and that the Residency and SAP determinations have been fairly and consistently applied with respect to all students receiving the HERO awards. Such certification must be submitted annually to the Compliance Department of Georgia Student Finance Commission."</p> <p>*Add "Failure to provide such certification will result in a review of Residency determinations and SAP determinations made for HOPE recipients in the selected sample."</p>