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5 of 29	5 of 30	402. Program Overview	<p>*Change "The HOPE GED Grant Program was created beginning with the 1993-1994 Award Year (State Fiscal year 1994). The program is fully funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, referred to in these regulations as "Commission". Georgia residents who earn a General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency diploma, granted by the Technical College System of Georgia, may receive a one-time award of \$500 toward their postsecondary educational costs. Eligible students must be seeking a technical Certificate/Diploma or Undergraduate Degree from a Technical College System of Georgia or University System of Georgia institution, or seeking an Undergraduate Degree from an eligible private college or university in Georgia. The purpose of the HOPE GED Grant Program is to encourage Georgia's GED recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-3-519.11 authorizes the Georgia Student Finance Commission to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the HOPE GED Grant Program that are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-3-519 et. seq., in its entirety." to "The HOPE GED Grant Program provides recipients of General Education Development diplomas with a one-time award of \$500 toward the cost of their postsecondary education. The purpose of the HOPE GED Grant Program is to encourage Georgia's GED recipients to pursue education beyond the high school level at a postsecondary institution located in Georgia. An eligible student must be seeking a technical Certificate, technical Diploma, or Undergraduate Degree from a Technical College System of Georgia or University System of Georgia institution, or be seeking an Undergraduate Degree from an eligible private postsecondary institution located in Georgia. The HOPE GED Grant Program was created beginning with the 1993-1994 Award Year (State Fiscal Year 1994). The program is fully funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission, in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 20-3-519 et. seq., in its entirety."</p>
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Academic Year"	<p>*Change "student would normally be expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters or three quarters of instruction" to "student is expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters or three quarters of postsecondary coursework".</p>
6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Accel Program" or "Accel"	<p>*Change "Accel Program" means to "Accel Program" or "Accel" means</p>

6 of 29	6 of 30	Definition of "Administrative Review"	*Add definition "'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 a HOPE 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 "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 "Associate Degree"	*Change "unified program of study in an academic discipline or major at the Undergraduate level" to "unified Undergraduate program of study in an academic discipline or major."
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 a technical program of study offered by a postsecondary educational institution, which is not an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree." 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." *Add "A Certificate program of study typically requires fewer credit hours than a Diploma program of study."
7 of 29	7 pf 30	Definition of "Combined Paid-Hours"	*Change "has accumulated from any combination of the HOPE Scholarship Program, plus HOPE Grant Program, plus Accel Program" to "has accumulated as a result of payment from any combination of the Hope Scholarship Program, plus HOPE Grant Program, plus Accel Program"
7 of 29	7 of 30	Definition of "Degree"	*Change "means a two-year Associate Degree or four-year Baccalaureate Degree " to "means an Associate Degree or Baccalaureate Degree"
7 of 29	7 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 Degee, Baccalaureate Degree, or Graduate Degree" 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 "Dual Credit Enrollment"	*Change "means Enrollment by a student in a postsecondary course in which an agreement has been established between his or her Eligible High School and an Eligible Postsecondary Institution wherein the student earns Carnegie Units of credit that count toward high school graduation requirements and also earns postsecondary credit hours for such coursework" to "means an arrangement whereby a high school student is Enrolled in postsecondary coursework with a postsecondary institution and earning postsecondary credit hours while continuing to pursue a high school diploma, and the student's high school has agreed to accept the postsecondary coursework toward the student's high school graduation requirements"
8 of 29	8 of 30	Definition of "Eligible High School"	* Change "In the State of Georgia that is authorized" to "in Georgia authorized to" *Change "Any high school not meeting the definition of an "Eligible High School" is considered to be an ineligible high school for purposes of the Hope Program." to "Any high school not meeting the definition of an "Eligible High School" is considered to be an ineligible high school."
9 of 29	8 of 30	Definition of "Eligible Postsecondary Institution"	*Change "at least ten years" to "at least fourteen years"
9 of 29	9 of 30	Definition of "Exception"	*Change "GSFC Board of Commissioners" to "Board"
9 of 29	9 of 30	Definition of "First Tier"	*Move from Definition "First Tier" to Definition "Tier" *Delete "for purposes of the HOPE Scholarship" *Delete "To avoid confusion with a postsecondary institution's classification of a student, First-Tier is the term used in these regulations to identify students who meet the definition of a freshman, as it appears in the O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519."
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Full-Time"	*Change from "at least 12 quarter or 12 semester hours per school term of postsecondary credit of a Matriculated student at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution" to "at least 12 quarter or 12 semester credit hours per term at a postsecondary institution"
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Georgia Resident" or "Georgia Residency"	*Delete "and is domiciled in the State of Georgia"
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Half-Time"	*Change "during a school term" to "during a term at a postsecondary institution"
10 of 29	10 of 30	Definition of "Home Study"	*Delete the definition completely

11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "HOPE Scholar"	*Change "means (1) a student who graduated from an Eligible High School located within the State of Georgia as a member of the 1993 High School Graduating Class, or any High School Graduating Class thereafter, meeting the academic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship, or, (2) a student who graduated from an Eligible High School located outside of the State of Georgia as a member of the 1993 High School Graduating Class, or any High School Graduating Class thereafter, meeting the academic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship" to "means a student who graduated from an Eligible High School located within the State of Georgia as a member of the 1993 High School Graduating Class, or any High School Graduating Class thereafter, meeting the academic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship. "
11 of 29	11 of 30	Definition of "Joint Enrollment"	*Change "with an Eligible Postsecondary Institution" to "with a postsecondary institution" *Change "to pursue his or her high school diploma" to "to pursue a high school diploma" *Change "but the student's high school has not agreed" to "and the high school has not agreed"
12 of 29	12 of 30	Definition of "Non-Standard Term"	*Change "means a school term" to "means a term"
12 of 29	12 of 30	Definition of "Paid-Hours"	*Change "and/or Accel Program" to "and Accel Program"
12 of 29	12 of 30	Definition of "Parent"	*Change "the natural mother or father" to "the natural/biological mother or father"
12 of 29	12 of 30	Definition of "Study Abroad"	*Retiring use of the term "Study Abroad"
N/A	12 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."
13 of 29	12 of 30	Definition of "Term-Reconciliation"	*Change "at the end of each school term" to "at the end of each term"

13 of 29	13 of 30	Definition of "Tier"	<p>*Add ""Tier" means the academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree as follows:"</p> <p>*Add a. "First-Tier" means the first academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree. A First-Tier student has accumulated less than 30 semester or 45 quarter Attempted-Hours.</p> <p>*Add b. "Second-Tier" means the second academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree. A Second-Tier student has accumulated at least 30 semester or 45 quarter Attempted-Hours, but no more than 60 semester or 90 quarter Attempted-Hours.</p> <p>*Add c. "Third-Tier" means the third academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree. A Third-tier student has accumulated at least 60 semester or 90 quarter Attempted-Hours, but no more than 90 semester or 135 quarter Attempted-Hours."</p> <p>*Add d. "Fourth-Tier" means the fourth academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree. A Fourth-Tier student has accumulated at least 90 semester or 135 quarter Attempted-Hours, but no more than 127 semester or 190 quarter Attempted-Hours.</p>
13 of 29	13 of 30	Definition of "Transient"	<p>*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 toward a Degree, Diploma, or Certificate." to "means temporary admission to a postsecondary institution for the purpose of completing coursework and earning postsecondary credit that another postsecondary institution has agreed to accept as transferable postsecondary credit."</p>
13 of 29	13 of 30	Definition of "Tuition"	<p>*Change "for instruction" to "for postsecondary academic instruction"</p>
13 of 29	14 of 30	Definition of "Withdrawal Date"	<p>*Change " means the date the student withdraws, as determined by the institution. The institution must determine the withdrawal date in accordance with the procedures set forth for determining withdrawal date under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended." to "means the date the student withdraws, as determined by the postsecondary institution in accordance with the procedures set forth for determining Withdrawal Date under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended."</p>

14 of 29	15 of 30	404.2 "Residency"	*Delete "A student is not required to meet the Georgia Residency requirements in order to receive payment from the HOPE GED Grant Program" to "a. A student attending a TCSG or USG institution must meet the Georgia Residency requirements of the Board of Regents or the Technical College System of Georgia for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which the HOPE GED Grant is sought. If the TCSG or USG institution grants a Military Personnel out-of-state tuition waiver, then such student meets the Georgia Residency requirements of the HOPE GED Grant. No out-of-state tuition waiver, other than for Military Personnel and their dependents, qualify students for HOPE GED Grant eligibility. b. A student attending a private Eligible Postsecondary Institution must meet the requirements to be classified as a Georgia Resident, in accordance with the Commissions's Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations, for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which funds are sought."
18 of 29	19 of 30	406.6 Study Abroad Coursework	*Change "Study Abroad" to "Study Away" in the Heading and Body of this section.
18 of 29	19 of 30	406.7. Alternative Study Coursework	*Delete this section completely
18 of 29	19 of 30	406.8 Continuing Educaiton and Audit Coursework	*Renumber this section to 406.7 due to the deletion of the Alternative Study Coursework section
19 of 29	19 of 30	406.9 Total Withdrawal from Coursework	*Renumber this section to 406.8 due to the deletion of the Alternative Study Coursework section
20 of 29	21 of 30	407.1.c. Application Forms	*Change " prior to the 2009-2010 Award Year" to "prior to the 2008-2009 Award Year"
23 of 29	22 of 28	409.1. Submission of Invoices	*Change "15 days" to "15 calendar days"

23 of 29	24 of 30	409.1. Submission of Invoices	<p>*Change 409.1. from "Eligible Postsecondary Institutions may submit HOPE invoices to the Commission as early as 15 days prior to the first day of classes for the school term" to "109.1.a. Eligible Postsecondary Institutions may submit HOPE GED Grant invoices to the Commission as early as 15 calendar days prior to the first day of classes for the school term."</p> <p>*Add 409.1.b. Invoices must be submitted, processed and approved by the Commission by the Invoicing Deadline Date as established by the Commission. In the event invoices are submitted to the Commission by Eligible Postsecondary Institutions after the Invoicing Deadline Date for a school term, the Commission may issue a notice of failure to meet the Invoicing Deadline Date to the President and/or governing body of the Eligible Post-Secondary Institution and the invoices may not be honored.</p> <p>*Add 409.1.c. Prior to the beginning of any award year and no later than June 30 of each year the Commission shall establish and publish the Invoicing Deadline Dates for each school term for the upcoming Award Year.</p>
24 of 29	23 of 28	410.1.c. Calculation of Refunds	<p>*Change 410.1.c. from "The Eligible Postsecondary Institution must determine the amount of the HOPE refund, post the refund on the student's record in the Commission's system within 45 days of the determination, and return that amount to the commission at the time of the End-of-Year Reconciliation. The remainder of the HOPE award is retained by the institution to cover the institution's cost for the portion of the school term that the student was enrolled" to "The Eligible Postsecondary Institution must determine the amount of the refund due back to the HOPEGED Grant program. The amount of the HOPE GED Grant award not determined to be owed back to the HOPEGED Grant program is retained by the institution to cover the institutions' cost for the portion of the school term that the student was enrolled."</p> <p>*Add 410.1.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."</p> <p>*Add 410.1.c.2. "If the Eligible Postsecondary Institution has sufficient funds on hand to return to the Commission the refund owed to the HOPE GED Grant program, it should return the funds within 45 days of the refund determination. The Eligible Postsecondary would then collect the refund amount from the student. However, the student should not be reported with a</p>
26 of 29	27 of 30	411.2. Award-Year Reconciliation	<p>*Change "August 1" to "July 15"</p>
27 of 29	28 of 30	412.3. Extended retention	<p>*Change "An institution" to "An Eligible Postsecondary Institution"</p>