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5 of 49	5 of 50	202. Program Overview	*Change "The HOPE Scholarship Program for students attending private institutions was created beginning with the 1996-1997 Award Year (State Fiscal Year 1997). 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 the "Commission". Eligible Students seeking a Degree from an eligible private college or university located within the State of Georgia may receive HOPE Scholarship funds for \$1,166 per quarter or \$1,750 per semester for Half-Time Enrollment. the HOPE Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program with specific academic and grade average requirements. The Purpose of the HOPE Scholarship Program is to encourage academic achievement of Georgians attending secondary and postsecondary institutions in Georgia. 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 Scholarship 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 Scholarship Program is a merit-based scholarship program with specific academic and grade point average eligibility requirements. The purpose of the HOPE Scholarship Program is to encourage the academic achievement of Georgia's high school students and Georgians seeking Degrees from postsecondary institutions located in Georgia. An eligible student seeking a Degree from a private Eligible Postsecondary Institution located within the State of Georgia may receive HOPE Scholarship funds of \$1,166 per quarter or \$1,750 per semester for Full-Time study or \$583 per quarter or \$875 per semester for half-time study. The HOPE Scholarship Program for students attending Georgia's private postsecondary institutions was created beginning with the 1996-1997 Award Year (State Fiscal Year 1997). 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 § 20-3-510 et. seq., in its entirety."
6 of 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Academic Year"	*Change "two semesters or three quarters of instruction" to "two semesters or three quarters of postsecondary coursework".
6 of 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Accel Program" or "Accel"	*Change "Accel Program" means to "Accel Program" or "Accel" means
6 of 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Administrative Review"	*Add definition "Administrative Review" means a review by Commission staff of an eligibility determination made by an eligible post-secondary 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 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Alternative Study"	*Retiring use of the term "Alternative Study"
6 of 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Appeal"	*Retiring use of the term "Appeal"
6 of 49	6 of 50	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 49	6 of 50	Definition of "Attempted-Hours"	*Moved the explanation of Attempted-Hours to section 205.8 and left only "Attempted-Hours" means Degree credit hours that are used to determine when the Postsecondary Cumulative Grade Point Average must be checked for HOPE Scholarship eligibility, and to determine when a student has reached his or her maximum hours of eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship Program.
7 of 49	6 of 50	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."
8 of 49	7 of 50	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."
8 of 49	7 of 50	Definition of "Checkpoint"	*Change "means the end of a school term" to "means the end of a term"

8 of 49	7 of 50	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"
8 of 49	8 of 50	Definition of "Degree"	*Change "means a two-year Associate Degree or four-year Baccalaureate Degree " to "means an Associate Degree or Baccalaureate Degree"
8 of 49	8 of 50	Definition of "Dependent Child"	*Change "whose federal or state income tax return" to "whose most recent federal or state income tax return"
9 of 49	8 of 50	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" 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 or Graduate Degree." *Add "A Diploma program of study typically requires more credit hours than a Certificate program of study."
9 of 49	8 of 50	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"
9 of 49	8 of 50	Definition of "Eligible High School"	*Change "in Georgia" to "located within the state of Georgia" *Change "Any secondary level school that does not meet 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."
10 of 49	10 of 50	Definition of "Eligible Postsecondary Institution"	*Change "tens years" to "fourteen years"
10 of 49	10 of 50	Definition of "End-of-Spring Checkpoint"	*Change "in order to continue receiving payment for following school term(s)" to "in order to be eligible for payment for the following term" *Change "This Checkpoint applies to First-Tier HOPE Scholarship recipients who were Enrolled for 12 or more hours for at least one of their first three school terms and for all Second-tier and above students, regardless of the number of hours of their Enrollment per school term." to "This Checkpoint applies to First-Tier HOPE Scholarship recipients who Enrolled for 12 or more hours for at least one of their first three terms and for all Second-tier and above students, regardless of enrollment status."
11 of 49	10 of 50	Definition of "Extended Fourth-Tier"	*Move from Definition "Extended Fourth-Tier" to Definition "Tier"
11 of 49	10 of 50	Definition of "Exception"	*Change "formal action by the GSFC Board of Commissioners" to "formal action by the Board" *Change "Section 213 - Appeals and Exceptions of these regulations" to "Section 213 - Administrative Reviews and Exceptions of these regulations" *Change "the GSFC Board of Commissioners shall" to "the Board shall"
11 of 49	10 of 50	Definition of "First Professional Degree Program"	*Change "For the 2009-2010 Award Year" to "For the 2010-2011 Award Year"
11 of 49	11 of 50	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."
12 of 49	11 of 50	Definition of "Fourth Tier"	*Move from Definition "Fourth-Tier" to Definition "Tier" *Delete "for purposes of the HOPE Scholarship" *Delete "To avoid confusion with a postsecondary institution's classification of a student, Fourth-Tier is the term used in these regulations to identify students who meet the definition of a senior, as it appears in the O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519."
12 of 49	11 of 50	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 during a term at a postsecondary institution"
12 of 49	11 of 50	Definition of "Georgia Resident" or "Georgia Residency"	*Delete "and is domiciled in the State of Georgia" *Delete "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"
12 of 49	11 of 50	Definition of "Half-Time"	*Change "during a school term" to "during a term at a postsecondary institution"
13 of 49	11 of 50	Definition of "Home Study"	*Change "means an arrangement whereby a school-age child is involved in a Home Study program governed by and operating in accordance with the requirements of" to "means an arrangement whereby a school-age child is involved in a course of study in which instruction is carried out at home rather than in a classroom and is governed by and operating in accordance with the requirements of"

13 of 49	12 of 50	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 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."
14 of 49	13 of 50	Definition of "Joint Enrollment"	*Change "with an Eligible Postsecondary Institution" to "with a postsecondary institution" *Change "but the student's high school has not agreed" to "and the high school has not agreed"
14 of 49	13 of 50	Definition of "Mathematically Impossible"	*Change "the next school term" to "the next term"
14 of 49	13 of 50	Definition of "Matriculated"	*Change "Enrolled in a postsecondary" to "Enrolled at a postsecondary"
14 of 49	13 of 50	Definition of "Non-Standard Term"	*Change "means a school term" to "means a term"
15 of 49	13 of 50	Definition of "Paid-Hours"	*Change "and/or Accel Program" to "and Accel Program"
15 of 49	14 of 50	Definition of "Parent"	*Change "the natural mother or father" to "the natural/biological mother or father"
16 of 49	14 of 50	Definition of "Second-Tier"	*Move from Definition "Second-Tier" to Definition "Tier" *Delete "for purposes of the HOPE Scholarship" *Delete "To avoid confusion with a postsecondary institution's classification of a student, Second-Tier is the term used in these regulations to identify students who meet the definition of a sophomore, as it appears in the O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519."
N/A	14 of 50	Definition of "Stationed"	*Add Definition " "Stationed" means the permanent place of military duty to which Military Personnel are officially assigned or attached by official military orders. Military Personnel are not considered Stationed when the military orders are for temporary duty assignments."
16 of 49	14 of 50	Definition of "Study Abroad"	*Retiring the use of the term "Study Abroad"
N/A	14 of 50	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."
16 of 49	14 of 50	Definition of "SURFER"	*Change "HOPE award information" to "award information"
16 of 49	15 of 50	Definition of "Term-Reconciliation"	*Change "at the end of each school term" to "at the end of each term"
16 of 49	15 of 50	Definition of "Third-Tier"	*Move from Definition "Third-Tier" to Definition "Tier" *Delete "for purposes of the HOPE Scholarship" *Delete "To avoid confusion with a postsecondary institution's classification of a student, Third-Tier is the term used in these regulations to identify students who meet the definition of a junior, as it appears in the O.C.G.A. § 20-3-519"
16 of 49	15 of 50	Definition of "Three-Term Checkpoint)	*Change "for the following school term(s)" to "for the following term"
N/A	15 of 50	Definition of "Tier"	*Add ""Tier" means the academic level or classification of a postsecondary student who is seeking a Degree as follows:" *Add Definitions of "First-Tier", "Second-Tier", "Third-Tier", "Fourth-Tier", and "Extended Fourth-Tier".
17 of 49	16 of 50	Definition of "Tuition"	Change "for instruction" to "for postsecondary academic instruction"
17 of 49	16 of 50	Definition of "Withdrawal Date"	*Change " means the date the student withdraws, as determined by the postsecondary institution. The postsecondary 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 institution in accordance with the procedures set forth for determining Withdrawal Date under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended."

18 of 49	17 of 50	204.2. Georgia Residency	<p>*Change 204.2.a. to                  204.2.a. A First-Tier student attending a private Eligible Postsecondary institution who meets the Georgia Residency requirements of the <i>Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations</i> at the time of his or her high school graduation, or equivalent, must also meet such Georgia Residency requirements for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which the HOPE Scholarship is sought."                  204.2.a.1 A First-Tier student who graduated from high school, or equivalent, on or after July 1, 2008 who does not meet the Georgia Residency requirements of the <i>Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations</i> at that time, must meet such Georgia Residency requirements for 24 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which the HOPE Scholarship is sought.                  204.2.a.2 A Dependent Child of Military Personnel who is Stationed in Georgia on active duty shall be treated as a Georgia Resident, for purposes of HOPE Scholarship eligibility.</p>	
18 of 49	17 of 50	204.2. Georgia Residency	<p>*Change 204.2.b. to                  204.2.b. A student entering the HOPE Scholarship Program at the Second-Tier, Third-Tier, or Fourth-Tier who meets the Georgia Residency requirements of the <i>Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations</i> at the time of high school graduation, or equivalent, must also meet such Georgia residency requirements for 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which the HOPE Scholarship is sought.                  204.2.b.1. A student who graduated from high school, or equivalent, on or after July 1, 2008 who does not meet the Georgia Residency requirements of the <i>Georgia Residency Requirements for State Programs Regulations</i> at that time, must meet such Georgia Residency requirements for 24 consecutive months immediately prior to the first day of classes of the school term for which the HOPE Scholarship is sought.                  204.2.b.2. A Dependent Child of Military Personnel who is Stationed in Georgia on active duty shall be treated as a Georgia Resident, for purposes of HOPE Scholarship eligibility.</p>	
19 of 49	18 of 50	204.3 Enrollment Status	<p>*Change 204.3.b. from "A student must be classified as Full-time for 14 consecutive calendar days following the last day of the institution's drop/add period in order to be eligible for the Full-time award amount" to "A student must be classified as Full-time at the end of the institution's drop/add period in order to be eligible for the Full-Time award amount."                  *Change 204.3.c. from "A student must be classified as Half-time for 14 consecutive calendar days following the last day of the institutions drop/add period in order to be eligible for the Half-Time award amount" to "A student must be classified as Half-Time at the end of the institution's drop/add period in order to be eligible for the Half-Time award amount."</p>	
19 of 49	18 of 50	204.4. Satisfactory Academic Progress	<p>*Change "as certified by" to "as defined and certified by"</p>	
N/A	20 of 50	205.1. First Tier Requirements	<p>*Add                  205.1.a. "Beginning with the High School Graduating Class of 2012 and beyond, students must graduate from an Eligible High School with a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale, in order to meet the academic requirements as a HOPE Scholar for the HOPE Scholarship at the First-Tier. Each grade earned for attempted coursework in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Foreign Language during the student's ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade year that could, according to Georgia Department of Education classification, be used to satisfy a core curriculum graduation requirement must be equated to a grade on a 4.00 scale, such that a grade of "A" equals 4.00, "B" equals 3.00, "C" equals 2.00, "D" equals 1.00, and "F" equals 0.                  205.1.b. "All of the academic requirements for designation as a HOPE Scholar and for meeting academic requirements for the HOPE Scholarship at the First-Tier, as provided by Section 205.1 of these regulations, also apply to any student previously designated as a HOPE Scholar from a High School Graduating Class prior to the Class of 2012, if such student did not Enroll for the first time at an Eligible Postsecondary Institution before May 1, 2012.</p>	
21 of 49	20 of 50	205.1. First Tier Requirements	<p>*Change numbering for sections a., b., c., d., e., f., g., h., i., j., and k. to c., d., e., f., g., h., i., j., k., l., and m. respectively due to the addition of sections a. and b. which were not in the 2009-2010 regs.</p>	

N/A	28 of 50	205.8. Attempted-Hours Calculation	<p>*Add</p> <p>a. If a student is a HOPE Scholar upon high school graduation, or the equivalent, then any credit hours for any coursework attempted by such student prior to high school graduation, or equivalent, are not counted as Attempted-Hours.</p> <p>b. All credit hours for coursework attempted prior to high school graduation or equivalent, including Joint Enrollment coursework, Dual Enrollment coursework, Advanced Placement coursework, International Baccalaureate coursework, and coursework taken as part of the Accel program, but excluding coursework taken in accordance with the O.C.G.A. § 20-2-161.3, which are accepted as Degree credit when the student first enters an Eligible Postsecondary Institution at Tier 1, must be counted as Attempted-Hours, excluding grades if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student does not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman based solely upon his or her grade point average; and</li> <li>2. Credit hours for such coursework are accepted for degree credit when the student first enters an Eligible Postsecondary Institution at the First-Tier after high school graduation, and</li> <li>3. The coursework was undertaken during a school term that began on or after July 1, 2008;</li> </ol> <p>a. Such coursework taken before July 1, 2008 must also be counted as Attempted-Hours if the student meets the requirements of section 205.8.b.1. and 205.8.b.2, the student is a current student attending an Eligible Postsecondary institution, and the student requests a waiver of the requirement that the coursework was taken after July 1, 2008 by submitting a request to GSFC, and GSFC approves such waiver request.</p> <p>c. For a student who did not earn a high school diploma, or equivalent, and is otherwise eligible to enter the HOPE Scholarship at the Second-Tier or higher, Degree credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours from the point the student stopped pursuing a high school diploma.</p> <p>d. Credit hours must be counted as Attempted-Hours regardless of whether the course was completed, the hours were earned, or a letter grade was recorded on the student's official academic transcript.</p> <p>e. Credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours regardless of whether the student receives payment for those hours from HOPE program.</p> <p>f. Credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours even if those hours were taken at a postsecondary institution outside the state of Georgia or at a postsecondary institution in a foreign country.</p> <p>g. Credit hours are counted as Attempted-Hours even if those hours were taken at an unaccredited postsecondary institution.</p> <p>h. Credit hours attempted as part of a technical Certificate or Diploma program of study are only counted as Attempted-Hours if a postsecondary institution ever accepted those hours as credit hours toward a Degree.</p> <p>i. Courses that appear on a student's transcript with no credit hours must be assigned 3 semester or 5 quarter credit hours for the purpose of determining a student's Attempted-Hours, unless the Eligible Postsecondary Institution's official college catalog lists the course as a zero-credit course.</p> <p>j. Continuing Education and Audit credit hours are not counted as Attempted-Hours.</p>	
28 of 49	30 of 50	205.8 Combined Paid-Hours Limit	*Change 205.8 Combined Paid-Hours Limit to 205.9 Combined Paid-Hours Limit due to the addition of a new section 105.8 Attempted-Hours Calculation and the resulting need to renumber.	
28 of 49	30 of 50	205.9 Attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree	*Change 205.9 Attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree to 205.10 Attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree due to the addition of a new section 205.8 Attempted-Hours Calculation and the resulting need to renumber.	
28 of 49	30 of 50	205.9. Attainment of a Baccalaureate Degree (now 205.10 due to renumbering)	*Add "including the equivalent of a Baccalaureate Degree from a foreign institution as indicated by the foreign academic transcript and/or foreign academic transcript translation."	
29 of 49	31 of 50	206.1.b. Joint Enrollment and Dual Credit Enrollment Coursework	*Change "Degree coursework attempted while participating" to "Coursework attempted while participating"	
29 of 49	31 of 50	206.1.c. Joint Enrollment and Dual Credit Enrollment Coursework	<p>*Change to:</p> <p>206.1.c. Coursework attempted while participating in Joint Enrollment or Dual Credit Enrollment must be counted as Attempted-Hours, excluding grades, if:</p> <p>206.1.c.1. The student does not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman based solely upon his or her grade point average; and</p> <p>206.1.c.2. The Joint Enrollment or Dual Enrollment coursework was undertaken during a school term that began on or after July 1, 2008; and</p> <p>206.1.c.3. Credit hours for such coursework are accepted for degree credit when the student first enters an Eligible Postsecondary Institution at the First-Tier after high school graduation.</p>	

N/A	31 of 50	206.1.c. Joint Enrollment and Dual Credit Enrollment Coursework	<p>*Add 206.1.d. Coursework attempted while participating in Joint Enrollment or Dual Credit Enrollment must be counted as Attempted-Hours, excluding grades, if:</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.1. The student does not qualify for the HOPE Scholarship as an entering freshman based solely upon his or her grade point average;</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.2. Credit hours for such coursework are accepted for degree credit when the student first enters an Eligible Postsecondary Institution at the First-tier after high school graduation;</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.3. The coursework began at any time prior to the student's high school graduation and the student requests a waiver of the July 1, 2008, requirement as specified in 106.1.c.2.;</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.4. The student submits a waiver request and supporting documentation to GSFC;</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.5. The student is a current student attending an eligible postsecondary institution on or after July 1, 2008; and</p> <p>*Add 206.1.d.6. GSFC approves the waiver request.</p>	
30 of 49	32 of 50	206.5. Transient Coursework	*Add 206.5.c. 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.	
30 of 49	32 of 50	206.6 Study Abroad Coursework	*Change "Study Abroad Coursework" to "Study Away Coursework"	
30 of 49	32 of 50	206.6.a.,b.,c.,d. Study Abroad Coursework	*Change "Study Abroad" to "Study Away" in the text to these sections.	
31 of 49	32 of 50	206.7. Alternative Study Coursework	*Delete this section completely	
31 of 49	32 of 50	206.8. Continuing Educaiton and Audit coursework	*Change the numbering from 206.8. to 206.7. due to the deletion of the Alternative Study Coursework Section and the necessary renumbering that followed.	
31 of 49	32 of 50	206.9. Total Withdrawal from Coursework	*Change the numbering from 206.9. to 206.8. due to the deletion of the Alternative Study Coursework Section and the necessary renumbering that followed.	
32 of 49	34 of 50	207.1.c. Application Forms	*Change "accepted by the Commission prior to the 2009-2010 Award year" to "accepted by the Commission prior to the 2008-2009 Award Year."	
33 of 49	35 of 50	207.2. Application Deadline Date	<p>*Change paragraph structure of 207.2. to 207.2.a. and 207.2.b.</p> <p>*Change "seeking a retroactive HOPE Scholarship payment, (in accordance with Section 205.1.j.) to "seeking a retroactive HOPE Scholarship payment (in accordance with Section 205.1.l.)</p> <p>*Add 207.2.c. "The application deadline date for a student who is seeking HOPE Scholarship payment retroactively due to a grade change or a grade being reported for degree hours previously appearing on a student's transcript as incomplete (in accordance with section 205.6.a. or 205.6.b.) is extended to the school term immediately following the school term in which the grade was changed or a grade was reported for degree hours previously appearing on a student's transcript as incomplete. Such student must file an application on or before the last day of the school term that immediately follows the school term in which the grade was changed or reported for degree hours, or the student's withdrawal date, whichever occurs first."</p>	
33 of 49	35 of 50	207.3. Application for Subsequent Years	*Change "as provided for in Section 207.1.b. and c." to "as provided for in Section 207.1.a.3. and 207.1.b."	
	36 of 50	208.1. Full-Time Awards	FY 2011 Award Amount may change	
	36 of 50	208.2. Half-Time Awards	FY 2011 Award Amount may change	
34 of 49	36 of 50	208.4. Student Notification of Award	<p>*Change " An Eligible Postsecondary Institution must notify each HOPE Scholarship recipient of the amount of HOPE funds he or she is awarded for the Award Year, and identify such funds as a HOPE Scholarship award." to "208.4.a. An Eligible Postsecondary Institution must notify each HOPE Scholarship recipient of the amount of HOPE funds he or she is awarded for the Award Year, and identify such funds as a HOPE Scholarship award."</p> <p>*Add 208.4.b. A student who wishes to decline a HOPE Scholarship award must do so actively. The institution must maintain a record of the student's notification to the institution that he or she is declining the award. . A student's decision to decline a HOPE Scholarship award becomes final and irrevocable on the last day of the term for which the HOPE Scholarship award was made."</p>	
36 of 49	38 of 50	209.1. Submission of Invoices	Change "15 days" to "15 calendar days"	

36 of 49	38 of 50	209.1. Submission of Invoices	<p>*Change 209.1. 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 "209.1.a. Eligible Postsecondary Institutions may submit HOPE invoices to the Commission as early as 15 calendar days prior to the first day of classes for the school term."</p> <p>*Add 209.1.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 209.1.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>
37 of 49	39 of 51	210.1.c. Calculation of Refunds	<p>*Change 210.1.c. from "The Eligible Postsecondary Institution must determine the amount of the HOPE refund, post the refund on the student's record in SURFER 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 for Tuition and Mandatory Fees 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 HOPE program. The amount of the HOPE award not determined to be owed back to the HOPE 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 210.1.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 210.1.c.2. "If the student only received HOPE funds, the Eligible Postsecondary Institution should return the funds determined to be owed to the HOPE program 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."</p> <p>Add 210.1.c.3. "If the student received a combination of federal Title IV funds and HOPE funds, the Eligible Postsecondary Institution may not have sufficient funds on hand from the student's award disbursements to return to the Commission the refund owed to the HOPE program, after applying the Federal Title IV Return of Funds policy. In this instance, 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."</p>
39 of 49	41 of 50	211.2. Award-Year Reconciliation	Change "August 1" to "July 15"
40 of 49	42 of 50	212.3. Extended retention	Change "An institution" to "An Eligible Postsecondary Institution"
41 of 49	36 of 51	213.1 Appeal and Exceptions	Change "Appeal" to "Administrative Review" in heading and body of section Numbering changes
		213.4. "Guidelines for Denial	Change to "Guidelines for Automatic Denial
	50 of 51	213.6 Special Criteria	Delete this section completely
47 of 49	49 of 51	213.7 Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	Add "If the student does not meet the criteria as outlined in Section 213.4.A1, the student is required to submit the following additional documentation to the Commission for further review:"
47 of 49	49 of 51	213.7.a. Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	Change "The student's letter should fully explain the circumstances of the request for an Exception and should reflect the maturity of a college Freshman. The list of honors should demonstrate the student's status as an exceptional young person." to "A letter written by the student fully explaining the circumstances of the request for an Exception and listing any honors or awards the student has received and any extracurricular activities in which the student has participated."
47 of 49	49 of 51	213.7.b. Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	Change "The letter from the principal or headmaster must convince the Board of Commissioners that the student is academically and emotionally prepared to be successful in college and that the student will or would have graduated from high school as a HOPE Scholar." to "A letter from the principal or headmaster giving an opinion as to the student's academic and emotional preparedness for college."

47 of 49	49 of 51	213.7.c. Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	*Change "All transcripts beginning with the 9th grade and including all schools attended must be received." to "All transcript beginning with the 9th grade and including all schools attended." *Change " The transcripts should convince the Board of Commissioners that the student has successfully completed" to "The transcripts should reflect that the student has successfully completed"
47 of 49	50 of 51	213.7.d. Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	Change "Postsecondary academic transcripts must be official copies." to "Official copies of Postsecondary academic transcripts."
48 of 45	50 of 51	213.7.e. Early Admissions Evaluation Factors	*Change "The letter from the Admissions Office should clearly state" to "A letter from the Postsecondary Institution's Admissions Office clearly stating *Change "or does not plan to ever complete the highs school graduation requirements" to "nor does the school have any information that the student plans to ever complete the high school graduation requirements."