

| Page 2009-10 | Page 2010-11 | Section | Change, Add, Delete, or Move |
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| 5 of 29 | 5 of 30 | 702. Program Overview | *Terminology rearranged, but not changed |
| 6 of 29 | 6 of 30 | Definition of "Academic Year" | *Change "two semesters or three quarters of instruction" to "two semesters or three quarters of postsecondary coursework". |
| 6 of 29 | 6 of 30 | Definition of "Alternative Study" | *Delete |
| 6 of 29 | 6 of 30 | Definition of "Appeal" | *Retiring use of the term "Appeal" |
| | 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 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 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 "Award-Year Reconciliation" | *Delete "immediately following the completion of the 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." |
| 6 of 29 | 6 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 or Graduate Degree, or Continuing Education." |
| N/A | 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 29 | Definition of "Cost of Attendance" | *Change "incurred by a student" to "incurred by a student and a student's family" |
| 7 of 29 | 7 of 29 | Definition of "Degree" | *Change "means a two-year Associate Degree or four-year Baccalaureate Degree " to "means an Associate Degree or Baccalaureate Degree" |

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| 7 of 29 | 7 of 29 | Definition of "Diploma" | <p>*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, 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 Continuing Education."</p> <p>*Add "A diploma program of study typically requires more credit hours than a Certificate program of study."</p> |
| 7 of 29 | 8 of 30 | Definition of "Dual Credit Enrollment" | <p>*Change "means Enrollment by a student in a postsecondary course in which an agreement has been established between his or her High School and 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"</p> |
| 8 of 29 | 8 of 30 | Definition of "Eligible Postsecondary Institution" | <p>*Change "ten years" to "fourteen years"</p> |
| 8 of 29 | 8 of 30 | Definition of "Exception" | <p>*Change "GSFC Board of Commissioners" to "Board"</p> |
| 9 of 29 | 9 of 30 | Definition of "Full-Time" | <p>*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"</p> |
| 9 of 29 | 9 of 30 | Definition of "Georgia Resident" or "Georgia Residency" | <p>*Delete "and is domiciled in the State of Georgia"</p> |
| 9 of 29 | 9 of 30 | Definition of "Half-Time" | <p>*Change "during a school term" to "during a term at a postsecondary institution"</p> |
| 10 of 29 | 10 of 30 | Definition of "Home Institution" | <p>*Change "in which the student is normally enrolled" to "in which the student is enrolled"</p> |
| 10 of 29 | 10 of 30 | Definition of "Joint Enrollment" | <p>*Change "postsecondary level coursework" to "postsecondary coursework"</p> <p>*Change " but the student's high school" to "and the high school"</p> |
| 10 of 29 | 10 of 30 | Definition of "Matriculated" | <p>*Change " leading to Degree" to "leading to a Degree"</p> |
| 10 of 29 | 10 of 30 | Definition of "Non-Standard Term" | <p>*Change "means a school term" to "means a term"</p> |
| 11 of 29 | 11 of 29 | Definition of "Parent" | <p>*Change "the natural mother or father" to "the natural/biological mother or father"</p> |

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| 11 of 29 | 11 of 30 | Definition of "Study Abroad" | *Delete this definition. |
| 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 "agreed to accept toward a Degree, Diploma, or Certificate" to "agreed to accept as transferable postsecondary credit" |
| 12 of 29 | 12 of 30 | Definition of "Withdrawal Date" | *Change "as determined by the institution" to "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." *Delete "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." |
| 13 of 29 | 13 of 30 | 704.2.b. Georgia Residency | *Change "immediately preceding" to "immediately prior to" |
| 14 of 29 | 14 of 30 | 704.4. Satisfactory Academic Progress | *Add " as defined and certified by" |
| 19 of 29 | 19 of 30 | 706.6 Study Abroad Coursework | *Change "Study Abroad Coursework" to "Study Away Coursework" |
| 19 of 29 | 19 of 30 | 706.6.a.,b.,c.,d. | *Change "Study Abroad" to "Study Away" |
| 19 of 29 | 19 of 30 | 106.7. Alternative Study Coursework | *Delete this section completely |
| 23 of 29 | 23 of 30 | 709.1. Submission of Invoices | *Change "15 days" to "15 calendar days" |

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| 23 of 29 | 23 of 29 | 709.1. Submission of Invoices | <p>*Change 709.1. to</p> <p>*709.1. Submission of Invoices</p> <p>*709.1.a. Eligible Postsecondary Institutions may submit LEAP invoices to the Commission as early as 15 calendar days prior to the first day of classes for the school term.</p> <p>*709.1.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>*709.1.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 | 24 of 30 | 710.1.d. Calculation of Refunds | <p>*Change 710.1.c to "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 .710.1.c.2 "If the Eligible Postsecondary Institution has sufficient funds on hand to return to the Commission the refund owed to the Accel 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."</p> <p>*Add 710.1.c.3. "If the Eligible Postsecondary Institution does not have sufficient funds on hand to return to the Commission the refund owed to the Accel 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."</p> <p>*Add "A student owing a balance to the institution is not considered to owe a balance to HOPE and would not be in a refund due status with HOPE."</p> |
| | 27 of 29 | 714. Appeals and Exceptions | *Change word "Appeal" to Administrative Review" in entire section |
| 29 of 29 | 29 of 30 | 714.2. Compliance Review Process | *Change 714.2 to include 714.2.a. and 714.2.b. |

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| N/A | 29 of 30 | 714.2.b Compliance Review Process | <p>*Add 714.2.b. The Commission will exclude from review the Residency determinations and Satisfactory Academic progress (SAP) determinations, as they relate to Sections 704.2.a. and 704.4 of these regulations, made for LEAP 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 LEAP 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 LEAP recipients in the selected sample."</p> |
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