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Subpart A—General

§ 668.1 Scope.

(a) This part establishes general rules that apply to an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA program). To the extent that an institution contracts with a third-party servicer to administer any aspect of the institution's participation in any Title IV, HEA program, the applicable rules in this part also apply to that servicer. An institution's use of a third-party servicer does not alter the institution's responsibility for compliance with the rules in this part.

- (b) As used in this part, an "institution" includes—
- (1) An institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.4;
 - (2) A proprietary institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.5; and
 - (3) A postsecondary vocational institution as defined in 34 CFR 600.6.
- (c) The Title IV, HEA programs include—
- (1) The Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 690);
 - (2) The National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a-21 *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 693);
 - (3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 676);
 - (4) The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070c *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 692);
 - (5) The Federal Stafford Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 682);
 - (6) The Federal PLUS Program (20 U.S.C. 1078-2; 34 CFR part 682);
 - (7) The Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1078-3; 34 CFR part 682);
 - (8) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 675);
 - (9) The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 685); and

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(10) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 674).

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§ 668.2 General definitions.

(a) The following definitions are contained in the regulations for Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600:

Accredited
Award year
Branch campus
Clock hour
Correspondence course
Educational program
Eligible institution
Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) programs
Incarcerated student
Institution of higher education
Legally authorized
Nationally recognized accrediting agency
Nonprofit institution
One-year training program
Postsecondary vocational institution
Preaccredited
Proprietary institution of higher education
Recognized equivalent of a high school diploma
Recognized occupation
Regular student
Secretary
State
Telecommunications course

(b) The following definitions apply to all Title IV, HEA programs:

Academic year: (1) A period that begins on the first day of classes and ends on the last day of classes or examinations and that is a minimum of 30 weeks (except as provided in § 668.3) of instructional time during which, for an undergraduate educational program, a full-time student is expected to complete at least—

(i) Twenty-four semester or trimester hours or 36 quarter hours in an educational program whose length is measured in credit hours; or

(ii) Nine hundred clock hours in an educational program whose length is measured in clock hours.

(2) For purposes of this definition—

(i) A week is a consecutive seven-day period;

(ii) If an institution provides an educational program using a semester, trimester, or quarter system, or in clock hours, the Secretary considers that the institution provides one week of instructional time in that program during any week the institution provides for that program—

(A) At least one day of regularly scheduled instruction or examinations; or

(B) After the last scheduled day of classes for a term, at least one day of study for initial examinations.

(iii) If an institution provides an educational program using credit hours but not a semester, trimester, or quarter system, the Secretary considers that the institution provides one week of instructional time in that program during any week the institution provides for that program—

(A) At least 12 hours of regularly scheduled instruction or examinations; or

(B) After the last scheduled day of classes for a payment period, at least 12 hours of study for final examinations.

(iv) Instructional time does not include any vacation periods, homework, or periods of orientation or counseling.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1088)

Campus-based programs: (1) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 674);

(2) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 675); and

(3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 676).

Defense loan: A loan made before July 1, 1972, under Title II of the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 421-429)

Dependent student: Any student who does not qualify as an independent student (see *Independent student*).

Designated department official: An official of the Department of Education to whom the Secretary has delegated responsibilities indicated in this part.

Direct Loan Program loan: A loan made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*)