

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES
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WASHINGTON, DC 20202

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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DATE: June 26, 1992

ADDRESSEES: STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (GENERAL
STATE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES (BLIND
CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
RSA DISCRETIONARY GRANTEES
RSA SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

SUBJECT: Coordination of Financial Assistance of Vocational Rehabilitation
Students

On August 2, 1991 the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education and I signed a new Memorandum of Understanding to improve financial services for postsecondary students who have disabilities. In this memorandum, a copy of which is attached, RSA agreed to issue a revised prototype State Memorandum of Understanding on the coordination of financial aid to State rehabilitation agencies and the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) agreed to issue it to the State Associations of Student Financial Administrators.

The revised protocol, like the previous one, is a statement of suggested procedures for improving financial assistance for students with handicaps. The State Vocational Rehabilitation Agencies and State Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators should review their current agreements to determine if their procedure comply with the statutory aid program requirements and should revise agreements if necessary.

This information was distributed by OSFA in January as a supplement to the 1991-1992 Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook to each of State Associations of Student Financial Administrators are the Student Financial Assistance regional offices. A copy of this letter is attached.

INQUIRIES: Associate Commissioner, OPO
Regional Commissioners I - X

Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services