



### **Pell Grant Recalculation Date Policy**

A Pell Grant Recalculation Date (PRD) is the final date a recalculation of a student's Pell Grant each semester is performed. No enrollment adjustments, upwards or downwards, are made for a student after this date. Each student's PRD could differ depending upon the mix enrollment of full-term and short term (i.e. 'late' starting classes). The PRD will either be the full-term census date for students in all full-term classes, or the start date of their latest-starting class, whichever is later. No further Pell Grant adjustments are made for classes added or dropped after the PRD. Pell Grant recipients who change their enrollment status (adding or dropping classes) will have their eligibility recalculated throughout the semester.

Students who drop a course(s) may be required to repay a portion of their disbursement. They have the option to enroll in later starting classes within the same term to retain their eligibility and avoid an overpayment.

Generally, the classes a student is enrolled in **AND ATTENDING** will determine the amount of Pell Grant money received. If the student is enrolled and attending less than full-time as of final course start date for the term, the Pell Grant will likely be less than what was reported in the initial award notification which was based upon full-time status. The Pell Grant is adjusted at the time of the student's recalculation date.

#### **What does this mean for you?**

If you increase or decrease your enrollment level throughout the term, your Pell Grant will be adjusted accordingly until the last late starting class for which you are enrolled in begins. Students cannot be paid for classes they add after their PRD. Conversely, if a student drops a course after their PRD, their award will not be adjusted downwards.

In certain cases students may owe an overpayment and will be notified via email with instructions on next steps. It may be possible to mitigate an overpayment by enrolling in additional classes starting later in the same term. We recommend you contact your home college financial aid office if you receive an overpayment notification.

*Please remember that it is critical that students always contact their home college financial aid office before dropping any classes in the term to determine the financial impact.*

**If you increase your enrollment load after the PRD**, your Pell Grant will not be increased. This means, for example, that a student who is enrolled in 10 credits as of the PRD, and who later adds a 2-credit class that already started, will not have their Pell Grant adjusted upward to the full-time level. However, if the student adds a 2-credit course that begins in the future, the already-established PRD is updated to reflect this later-starting class, and the student's Pell Grant will be adjusted to account for all added and dropped classes up to that new PRD.

**If you decrease your enrollment load after the PRD**, your Pell Grant will not be reduced. This means, for example, that a student who is enrolled in 15 credits as of the PRD, and who later drops a 5-credit class, will not have his/her aid reduced to the 3/4-time level. Rather, the aid will remain at the full-time level. However, for Satisfactory Academic Progress purposes, the student will be held accountable for completing a full-time course load. If a student has Direct Loans, and drops below 6 hours, any future disbursements will be canceled per federal regulations.

**Late Start Classes** If you register for a late-start classes, your Federal Pell Grant for that course will be awarded and disbursed to the student on the next scheduled disbursement date after the course start date. Loan disbursements will be released after you have started classes totaling at least six credits.