

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**Student Financial Assistance Commission**  
**Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
Scholarship/Grant Programs  
(LAC 28:IV.301)

The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) is exercising the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act [R.S. 49:953(B)] to amend and re-promulgate the rules of the Scholarship/Grant programs (R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 3041.10-3041.15, and R.S. 17:3042.1.1-3042.8, R.S. 17:3048.1, R.S. 56:797.D(2)).

This rulemaking amends the definitions of academic year (college) and intersession to provide that the academic year (college) includes an intersession that lasts no more than 15 class days and ends no later than June 15.

The emergency rules are necessary to implement changes to the Scholarship/Grant programs to allow the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance to effectively administer the programs. A delay in promulgating rules would have an adverse impact on the financial welfare of the eligible candidates. LASFAC has determined that these emergency rules are necessary in order to prevent imminent financial peril to the welfare of the affected recipients.

This declaration of emergency is effective December 21, 2010, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG11129E)

## Title 28

### EDUCATION

#### Part IV. Student Financial Assistance—Higher Education Scholarship and Grant Programs

#### Chapter 3. Definitions

##### §301. Definitions

Words and terms not otherwise defined in this Chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to such words and terms in this Section. Where the masculine is used in these rules, it includes the feminine, and vice versa; where the singular is used, it includes the plural, and vice versa.

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*Academic Year* (College)—

a. Through the 2007-2008 *academic year*, the two- and four-year college and university *academic year* begins with the fall term of the award year, includes the winter term, if applicable, and concludes with the completion of the spring term of the award year. Intersessions ending during the *academic year* are included in the *academic year*. The two- and four-year college and university *academic year* does not include summer sessions or

intersessions that do not end during the *academic year*.

~~ba. Beginning with~~ During the 2008-2009 *academic year* ~~and thereafter~~, the *academic year* begins with the fall term of the award year, includes the winter term, if applicable, and concludes with the completion of the intersession immediately following the spring term of the award year. Intersessions ending during the *academic year*, including the intersession immediately following the spring term, are included in the *academic year*. The two- and four-year college and university *academic year* does not include summer sessions or other intersessions.

c. Beginning with the 2009-2010 *academic year* and thereafter, the *academic year* begins with the fall term of the award year and concludes with the completion of the spring term of the award year or the intersession immediately following the spring term if such intersession ends no later than June 15, whichever is later. Any intersession or term that begins and ends during the *academic year* is included. The two- and four-year college and university *academic year* does not include other intersessions or summer sessions. See the definition of “*intersession*” below.

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*Intersession*—

a. During the 2008-2009 *academic year*, an *academic term* between regular semesters/terms that

provides credit courses to students in an intensive, condensed format.

b. Beginning with the 2009-2010 academic year, any academic term that provides credit courses to students in an intensive, condensed format that is no longer than 15 class days.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3025, R.S. 17:3042.1 and R.S. 17:3048.1.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 22:338 (May 1996), repromulgated LR 24:632 (April 1998), amended LR 24:1898 (October 1998), LR 24:2237 (December 1998), LR 25:256 (February 1999), LR 25:654 (April 1999), LR 25:1458 and 1460 (August 1999), LR 25:1794 (October 1999), LR 26:65 (January 2000), LR 26:688 (April 2000), LR 26:1262 (June 2000), LR 26:1601 (August 2000), LR 26:1993, 1999 (September 2000), LR 26:2268 (October 2000), LR 26:2752 (December 2000), LR 27:36 (January 2001), LR 27:284 (March 2001), LR 27:1219 (August 2001), LR 27:1840 (November 2001), LR 27:1875 (November 2001), LR 28:45 (January 2002), LR 28:446 (March 2002), LR 28:772 (April 2002), LR 28:2330, 2331 (November 2002), LR 29:555 (April 2003), LR 29:879 (June 2003), LR 30:1159 (June 2004), LR 30:2015 (September 2004), LR 31:36 (January 2005), LR 31:3112 (December 2005), LR 33:86 (January 2007), LR 33:439 (March 2007), LR 33:1339 (July 2007), LR 33:2612 (December 2007), LR 34:234 (February 2008), LR 34:1388 (July 2008), LR 34:1884 (September 2008), LR 35:228 (February 2009), LR 35:1489 (August 2009), LR 35:1490 (August 2009), LR 36:311 (February 2010), LR 36:490 (March 2010).

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