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TOPICS:	Louisiana Go Grant Eligibility Change Effective Immediately

On March 19, 2012, the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission approved an administrative rule change, effective immediately, regarding the eligibility requirement for students 25 years old or older. This rule change deletes the requirement that a student 25 years old or older must have a break in enrollment of at least two semesters to be eligible to receive a Go Grant.

A copy of the Declaration of Emergency necessary to implement this rule change is included with this correspondence.

Questions regarding the Louisiana Go Grant should be directed to Bonnie Lavergne, 225-219-7714 or blavergne@osfa.la.gov or Erica Hughes, 225-219-7707 or ehughes@osfa.la.gov.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
Student Financial Assistance Commission
Office of Student Financial Assistance
Scholarship/Grant Programs
(LAC 28:IV.1205)

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 eligibility requirements for GO Grant recipients who are age 25 or older to delete the requirement that a student who is 25 years old or older must have a break in enrollment of at least two semesters to be eligible to receive a GO Grant.

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 March 19, 2012, and shall remain in effect for the maximum period allowed under the Administrative Procedure Act. (SG11138E)

Title 28

EDUCATION

**Part IV. Student Financial
Assistance—Higher Education
Scholarship and Grant Programs
Chapter 12. Louisiana GO Grant**

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:3021-3023 and R.S. 17:3046 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Student Financial Assistance Commission, Office of Student Financial Assistance, LR 33:2616 (December 2007), amended LR 34:238 (February 2008), LR 35:2349 (November 2009), LR 36:2853 (December 2010, LR 37:1389 (May 2011).

George Badge Eldredge
General Counsel

§1205. Application and Initial Eligibility

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4.a. be a first time freshman who entered college during the 2007-2008 academic year or later; or

b. have entered college as a first time freshman during the 2007-2008 academic year or later and have become eligible for a federal Pell Grant or a financial need grant after the freshman year; or

c. be age 25 or older, and have entered college as a first time freshman before the 2007-2008 academic year and have had a break in enrollment of at least two consecutive semesters, not including a summer semester or term, immediately preceding the period of enrollment for which the student is being considered for receipt of a grant under this Chapter.

C. ...