

Title	Rule Making: Financial Aid; Degree Authorization; Residency	
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Synopsis	Administrative rules clarify statutory requirements. Changes are needed to the rules related to State Need Grant, College Bound Scholarship, and Residency to bring them into alignment with recently passed legislation. In addition, a number of administrative and technical amendments are needed for those programs and for the State Work Study and Degree Authorization rules. Staff are now at the beginning of the rulemaking process and have issued a notice of proposed rulemaking. The next step will be the development of draft rules in each of the areas. The rulemaking process, and WSAC practice, requires input from key stakeholders. That engagement occurs at several points in the process including, but not limited to, a required public hearing after the draft rules are published. Staff anticipate that public hearings would be held in late October or early November and final rules could be adopted in December and would take effect the following month.	
Guiding questions	<ol> <li>How do legislative changes impact current rules?</li> <li>What other changes are necessary to improve administration of the program or address concerns or issues that arise when applying the current rules?</li> <li>What technical changes are necessary to ensure the rules are current and easy to understand and apply?</li> <li>What are the key issues to be addressed in each of the program areas?</li> </ol>	
Possible council action	Information/Discussion Approve/Adopt Other:	
Documents and attachments	Brief/Report PowerPoint Third-party materials Other	



# Agency Rules

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- Incorporate recent legislation
- Remove outdated information
- Include administrative guidance
- Strive for alignment across functional areas
- Clarify language
- Provide clarity where the RCW is ambiguous



## Washington Administrative Code Revisions

Administrative rules clarify the statutory requirements.

Changes to the program statutes necessitate updated WAC.

Administrative and technical amendments are needed.

- State Need Grant
- College Bound Scholarship
- State Work Study
- Degree Authorization
- Residency



### WAC Process

- Provide updates to key stakeholders
- Align WAC changes with current statutes
- Note technical statutory changes needed (a separate legislative process)





### Proposed Timeline





## State Need Grant Key Areas (examples)

#### Technical

- Remove
   Opportunity
   Internship
- HECB references
- Other outdated information

#### Administrative

- Revise Self Help
- Clarify process to admit new institutions

#### Legislation

- Less-than-halftime eligibility
- Define residency
- Financial aid counseling



### College Bound Scholarship Key Areas (examples)

#### Technical

• HECB references

#### Administrative

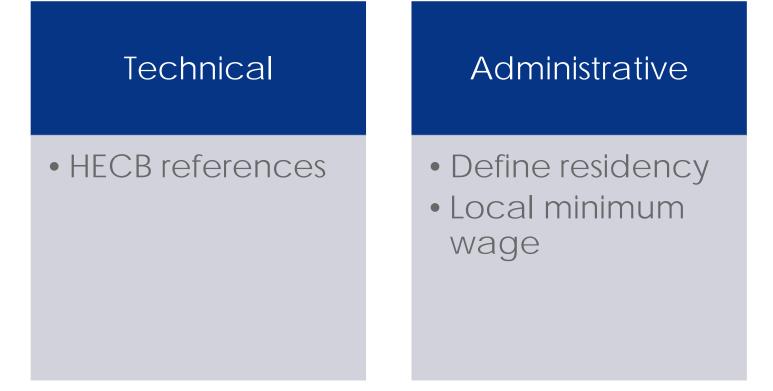
- Define high school graduation
- Define income eligibility at time of sign-up
- Clarify residency including DACA

#### Legislation

- GPA for Running Start
- Felony convictions



## State Work Study Key Areas (examples)





### Degree Authorization Key Areas (examples)

#### Technical

- Clarify required language on credit transfer
- Clarify procedures in the event of closure
- Revise documentation
   requirements

#### Administrative

- Revise surety bond requirement
- Add "At Risk" and "Probation" status
- Require disaster recovery plan
- Limit expansion prior to accreditation



## Residency Key Areas (examples)

#### Administrative

- Incorporate supplemental guidance
  - National Guard
  - 1079 '3' years
  - Withholding of removal

## Legislation

- Eligibility status for veterans
- Eligibility for H, E, L Visa Holders



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