

Title	Rule Making: Financial Aid; Degree Authorization; Residency	
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Synopsis	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Guiding questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do legislative changes impact current rules? 2. What other changes are necessary to improve administration of the program or address concerns or issues that arise when applying the current rules? 3. What technical changes are necessary to ensure the rules are current and easy to understand and apply? 4. What are the key issues to be addressed in each of the program areas? 	
Possible council action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Accord <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
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Agency Rules

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Objectives

- 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- Remove outdated information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)

Proposals developed and shared with stakeholders



Public notified of proposed rules purpose and timeline



Public hearing process incorporates feedback



Rules will affect 2016-17 academic year



Proposed Timeline

Spring 2015 - Stakeholder Input



Aug. 19 – Public Notice of Rulemaking



Oct. 7 – Publication of Draft Rules



Oct. 27 – Public Hearing



Dec. 02 – Publication of Final Rules



Jan. 02 – Rules take Effect



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)

Technical

- HECB references

Administrative

- Define residency
- Local minimum wage



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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