Hello, colleagues!

Late Verification Exception

We are issuing guidance regarding late identity verification requirements for the 2024–25 academic year, following the Federal Student Aid Electronic Announcement APP-25-16. To prevent adverse impacts on students, institutions will not be required to seek repayment from students identified through this announcement who do not complete late verification, given the challenges of collecting documentation once students are no longer enrolled or late into the academic year.

Verification Policy

WSAC policy for students selected for verification after aid has disbursed is the following:

All applicants for state aid, regardless of the application filed, must resolve conflicting information. Institutions should follow their standard review policy regarding the resolution of conflicting information for any applicant. Students selected for verification after state financial aid has disbursed will need to be verified before any future disbursements are made. The institution must collect all verification information before the end of the academic year or before the student is no longer attending, whichever is first.

Students are not required to be verified in the following situations:

- **Death of the student.** You don't have to continue verification if you made an interim disbursement and the student died before verification was completed.

- **Post enrollment.** The student was selected for verification **after** ceasing to be enrolled at your school, they do not intend to reenroll for the award year, and no further (including late) awards/disbursements will be made.

Next Steps

If you have reported a receivable for a student in this situation, please contact us at repayment@wsac.wa.gov to make sure the receivable is cancelled.

The additional late verification information above will be added to a revised WCG/CBS Program Manual.

Please let us know if any questions arise!

Take care,

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