Repeat Coursework and Financial Aid Enrollment

As of July 1, 2011, financial aid can pay for unlimited repeats of failed courses and for one repeat of a passed course. However, if a student is required to repeat an entire block of courses because he/she failed a course(s) in the block, financial aid cannot be paid for the repeated passed courses in the block. Ineligible repeated courses will be excluded from counting in the student's enrollment for financial aid purposes.

PART 1: An institution can pay a student when repeating a course (or its equivalency) an infinite number of times if all previous attempts were failures. The following example describes this situation:

Term	Course	Result	Full-Time Eligibility Status
Spring 2021	Math 1108	Fail	Eligible
Summer 2021	Math 1108	Fail	Eligible
Fall 2021	Math 1108	Fail	Eligible
Spring 2022 (future)	Math 1108		Eligible to count toward full-time enrollment status

This student can repeat this course an infinite number of times if all previous attempts were failures, as long as those failures are graded courses. At the point in time when the student finally passes the course, they are only allowed to repeat the course one more time and have it count toward their full-time enrollment status.

PART 2: An institution can pay a student for only one retake of any previously passed course or its equivalency. The following two examples further describe this situation:

Example 1

Term	Course	Result	Full-Time Eligibility Status
Spring 2021	English 1101	Fail	Eligible
Summer 2021	English 1101	Pass	Eligible
Fall 2021	English 1101	Pass	(1st repeat of previously passed course) Eligible
Spring 2022 (future)	English 1101		(2nd repeat of previously passed course) Not Eligible to count toward full-time enrollment status

Example 2

Term	Course	Result	Full-Time Eligibility Status
Spring 2021	History 1101	Fail	Eligible
Summer 2021	History 1101	Pass	Eligible
Fall 2021	History 1101	Fail	(1st repeat of previously passed course) Eligible
Spring 2022 (future)	History 1101		(2nd repeat of previously passed course) Not Eligible to count toward full-time enrollment status

Note: If a student withdraws from a retake of a previously passed course, the withdrawn retake will not count as the one allowable retake.

PART 3: An institution cannot pay a student for any repetition of a previously passed course due to the student failing other coursework. The following example describes this situation:

The Student has enrolled in a program that requires enrollment in four specific courses for the term and the institution requires that the student passes all four courses before they can move on to the next four courses in the program:

Term	Course	Result	Full-Time Eligibility Status
Spring 2021	ESET 0100	Pass	
	ESET 0121	Pass	
	ESET 0121L	Pass	
	ELTR 0141	Fail	

In the Fall of 2021, the student decides to retake the same four courses above, hoping to pass them all so they can move onto the next set of courses. The institution may count the one failed course in the definition of full-time enrollment status. The institution may not count the three passed courses in the definition of full-time enrollment status.