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CHAPTER 3. COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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ARTICLE 1. RULEMAKING

R7-3-101. General Provisions
A. Definitions. In this Article, unless the context otherwise requires:
1. “Agenda item” means a specified matter listed on an agenda included as part of the public notice of a Commission meeting pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02.
2. “Commission” means the Commission for Postsecondary Education.
3. “Person” means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or unit of a governmental subdivision, a public or private organization of any character or another agency.
4. “Public meeting” means a meeting held under and subject to the Open Meeting Act, A.R.S. §§ 38-431 through 38-431.09.
5. “Rule” means a statement of general applicability that implements, interprets or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of the Commission. Rule includes the amendment or repeal of a prior rule, but does not include intra-agency memoranda.
6. “Rulemaking” means the process for formulation and adoption of a rule.

B. The Commission shall follow the uniform system for numbering, form and style as prescribed by the Secretary of State in the Arizona Administrative Code.

Historical Note
Adopted effective August 22, 1996, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 96-3).

R7-3-102. Incorporation by Reference
The Commission may incorporate by reference in its rules and without publishing the incorporated matter in full all or any part of a code, standard, rule, or regulation that is adopted by an agency of the United States or this state, or a nationally recognized organization or association, if incorporation of its text in Commission rules would be unduly cumbersome, expensive, or otherwise inexpedient. The reference in the Commission rules shall fully identify the incorporated matter by location, date, and shall state that the rule does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. The Commission shall file three copies of the incorporated matter with the Secretary of State at the time the adopted rule is filed.

Historical Note
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R7-3-103. Commission Rulemaking Record
The Commission shall maintain an official rulemaking record for each rule proposed. The record and matter incorporated by reference shall be available for public inspection. The Commission rulemaking record shall contain all of the following:
1. Reference to the specific authority under which the rule is proposed to be adopted, amended, or repealed;
2. The name and address of Commission personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule;
3. An informative summary of the proposed rule;
4. The time during which written submissions may be made and the time and place where oral comments may be made;
5. The current status of the proposed rule;
6. Any known timetable for Commission decisions or other action for the rulemaking;
7. A copy of all publications in the Arizona Administrative Register or a newspaper of general circulation with respect to the proposed action;
8. All written petitions, requests, submissions, and comments received by the Commission and all other written materials considered or prepared by the Commission in connection with the proposed action;
9. The official minutes of all oral proceedings regarding the rule;
10. A copy of the economic, small business, and consumer impact summary and the minutes of any public meeting at which the rule was considered by the Commission;
11. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the proceedings for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the rule;
12. A copy of the final rule, including the date of its adoption and the date of its filing and publication.

Historical Note
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R7-3-104. Notice of Oral Proceedings
The Commission or its staff shall request that the Secretary of State publish in the Arizona Administrative Register notice of an oral proceeding concerning proposed action by the Commission regarding a rule. The notice shall include a statement of the date, time, place, and nature of the proceedings, and the name and address of Commission personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule. If the Secretary of State declines to publish such information, the Commission or its staff shall cause the information to be published in a newspaper of general circulation. If an oral proceeding regarding a rule is scheduled, the Commission shall allow at least 30 days to elapse after the publication date of the notice before adopting, amending, or repealing the rule.

Historical Note
Adopted effective August 22, 1996, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 96-3).

R7-3-105. Economic, Small Business, and Consumer Impact Summary
The Commission shall cause to be prepared an economic, small business, and consumer impact summary. The Commission shall provide a brief summary of the following information:
1. An identification of the proposed rulemaking;
2. An identification of the persons who will be directly affected by, bear the costs of, or directly benefit from the proposed rulemaking;
3. An analysis of the probable costs and benefits from the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rulemaking on the Commission, and on any political subdivision or agency affected by the proposed rulemaking;
4. The probable impact of the proposed rulemaking on employment in business, agencies, and political subdivisions of this state affected by the proposed rulemaking;
5. A statement of the probable impact of the proposed rulemaking on small business;
6. A statement of the probable effect on state revenues;
7. A description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking.

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R7-3-106. Effective Date of Rules
A rule adopted by the Commission becomes effective when a certified original and two copies of the rule are delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State unless a later date is required by the constitution of Arizona, statute, or court order, or as specified in the rule.

**Historical Note**
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R7-3-107. Variance Between Adopted Rule and Published Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption
A. If, as a result of public comment or internal review, the Commission determines that a proposed rule requires substantial change pursuant to subsection (B), the Commission shall issue a supplemental notice containing the changes in the proposed rule, in accordance with R7-3-104. The Commission shall provide for additional public comment pursuant to R7-3-108.

B. In determining whether a rule which the Commission intends to adopt is substantially different from the rule as originally proposed by the Commission, the following shall be considered:
1. The extent to which the subject matter of the proposed rule or the issues determined by that rule are different from the subject matter or issues involved in the rule which the Commission intends to adopt,
2. The extent to which the effects of the proposed rule differ from the effects of the rule which the Commission intends to adopt,
3. The extent to which all persons affected by the rule which the Commission intends to adopt should have understood that the proposed rule would affect their interests.

**Historical Note**
Adopted effective August 22, 1996, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 96-3).

R7-3-108. Oral Proceedings
A. When the Commission proposes a rule, such proposed action shall be presented as a specifically identified agenda item for review at a public meeting of the Commission, and such public meeting shall take place no less than 30 days prior to the public meeting at which the Commission intends to adopt, amend, or repeal the rule. At the time it proposes a rule, the Commission may schedule an oral proceeding on the proposed action. Any person may submit written statements, arguments, and supporting data on the proposed rule to the Executive Director of the Commission within 30 days following the date the Commission proposes the rule.

B. The Commission shall schedule an oral proceeding on a proposed rule if, within 30 days after proposing the rule, a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted to the Commission by no fewer than five persons. An oral proceeding may not be held earlier than 30 days after notice of its date, location, and time is published. If an oral proceeding is scheduled, the Commission shall post, in a location as required for notice of a public meeting, a written notice of the place and date of the proceeding no less than 20 days in advance thereof. The Commission, a member of the Commission, or an official of the Commission’s staff designated by the Commission, shall preside at the oral proceeding. At the oral proceeding, minutes of the meeting shall be taken and persons may present oral argument, views, and supporting data on the proposed rule. The person presiding at the hearing shall exclude unduly repetitive argument.

C. Prior to its meeting at which it intends to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule, the Commission shall provide with a copy of the proposed action; an informative summary of such action; a memorandum summarizing the written public comment received; the economic, small business, and consumer impact summary; and the minutes of any oral proceeding regarding the proposed action. The Commission shall consider all such information prior to adopting, amending, or repealing the rule.

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**ARTICLE 2. EXPIRED**

R7-3-201. Expired

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R7-3-202. Expired

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R7-3-203. Expired

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R7-3-204. Expired

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R7-3-205. Expired

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**ARTICLE 3. ARIZONA LEVERAGING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

R7-3-301. Federal LEAP Requirements
The federal government requires that a state LEAP Program must:
1. Be administered by a single state agency in accordance with the Federal-State Agreement under Section 1203 of the Higher Education Act, as amended. The Governor of Arizona has designated as the responsible single state agency the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Edu-
To participate in the Arizona LEAP Program, an Arizona postsecond-
year educational institution must either:

1. Be a public or other nonprofit institution of higher edu-
cation which:
   a. Admits as regular students only persons who have a
      high school diploma, have the recognized equivalent
      of a high school diploma, or are beyond the age of
      compulsory school attendance in the state in which
      the institution is located, and who have the ability to
      benefit from the training offered;
   b. Is legally authorized by the state of Arizona to pro-
      vide an educational program beyond secondary edu-
cation;
   c. Provides an educational program for which it awards
      an associate, baccalaureate, graduate, or profes-
sional degree, or at least a two-year program which
      is acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate
      degree; or at least a one-year training program which
      leads to a certificate or degree and prepares students
      for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;
      or at least a six-month training program at a postsec-
      ondary vocational institution (such as a public com-
munity college) which leads to a certificate or
degree and prepares students for gainful
employment;
   d. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an
institution which has satisfactorily assured the Sec-
retary that it will meet the accreditation standards of
an approved agency or association within a reason-
able time, considering the resources available to
the institution, the period of time it has operated and its
efforts to meet accreditation standards, or is an insti-
tution whose credits are determined by the Secretary
to be accepted on transfer by at least three accredited
institutions on the same basis as transfer credits from
fully accredited institutions.

2. Be a proprietary institution of postsecondary education
which:
   a. Is not a public or other nonprofit institution;
   b. Admits as regular students only persons who have a
      high school diploma, have the recognized equivalent
      of a high school diploma, or are beyond the age of
      compulsory school attendance in the state in which
      the institution is located, and who have the ability to
      benefit from the training offered;
   c. Is legally authorized to provide postsecondary edu-
cation in the state of Arizona;
   d. Provides at least a six-month or 600 clock hour pro-
      gram of training to prepare students for gainful
      employment in a recognized occupation;
   e. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
agency or association; and
   f. Has been in existence for at least two years. The
      Secretary considers a school to have been in exist-
ence for two years if it has been legally authorized
      to provide, and has provided, a continuous training
      program to prepare students for gainful employment
      in a recognized occupation during the 24 months
      (except for normal vacation periods) preceding the
      date of application for eligibility.
   g. Refer to this subsection (1)(e).

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(Supp. 99-2).

R7-3-302. Institutional Eligibility Requirements
To participate in the Arizona LEAP Program, an Arizona postsec-
ondary educational institution must either:

1. Be a public or other nonprofit institution of higher edu-
cation which:
   a. Admits as regular students only persons who have a
      high school diploma, have the recognized equivalent
      of a high school diploma, or are beyond the age of
      compulsory school attendance in the state in which
      the institution is located, and who have the ability to
      benefit from the training offered;
   b. Is legally authorized by the state of Arizona to pro-
      vide an educational program beyond secondary edu-
cation;
   c. Provides an educational program for which it awards
      an associate, baccalaureate, graduate, or profes-
sional degree, or at least a two-year program which
      is acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate
      degree; or at least a one-year training program which
      leads to a certificate or degree and prepares students
      for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;
      or at least a six-month training program at a postsec-
      ondary vocational institution (such as a public com-
munity college) which leads to a certificate or
degree and prepares students for gainful
employment;
   d. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting
agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an
institution which has satisfactorily assured the Sec-
retary that it will meet the accreditation standards of
an approved agency or association within a reason-
able time, considering the resources available to
the institution, the period of time it has operated and its
efforts to meet accreditation standards, or is an insti-
tution whose credits are determined by the Secretary
to be accepted on transfer by at least three accredited
institutions on the same basis as transfer credits from
fully accredited institutions.

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(Supp. 99-2).

R7-3-303. Receipt and Allocation of Arizona LEAP Pro-
gram Funds
A. Receipt of funds.
   1. The Commission may receive funds for the Arizona
      LEAP Program from the following sources:
      a. The federal government;
      b. The Arizona Legislature;
      c. Institutions which are eligible to participate in the
         program; and,
      d. Other nonfederal institutions, organizations, or indi-
         viduals.
   2. All funds received will be deposited by the Commission
      in a properly secured account and appropriate controls
      will be instituted to assure that accountability will be
      maintained for all funds received.
3. Available federal program funds will be matched, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, by state appropriated funds.

4. Funds provided by the eligible participating institutions and nonfederal funds from other institutions, organizations, or individuals shall be used by the Commission to supplement the federal and state program funds for grants and for necessary administrative costs.

B. Allocation of funds.

1. Arizona LEAP Program Funds will be allocated to eligible Arizona postsecondary educational institutions according to their proportionate share of the State’s total headcount of Arizona resident students enrolled in eligible programs. The Commission will survey each eligible institution in Arizona no later than May of each year to determine the number of eligible Arizona resident students who are enrolled. Headcount will be determined in the following manner:
   a. Semester or quarter hour schedule institutions will provide data for the preceding fall semester. (For example, allocations for the LEAP program for any given academic year will be based on enrollment data from the previous academic year.)
   b. Institutions which operate on clock hour or other nontraditional schedules will provide unduplicated student enrollment data for the period from August through April of the previous year. (For example, allocations for the LEAP program for any given year will be based on data for the period August through April.) Enrollment data must be verified by two Administrative Officials of the school.

2. The staff will promptly notify each eligible institution of its preliminary allocation as soon as necessary Commission approvals can be obtained. The total will show the amount of federal and state dollars and also the amount the institution must provide to receive the full allocation. The institution will be asked to select one of the following choices:
   a. It will provide the full amount of institutional funds in order to receive the full allocation.
   b. It will provide the full amount of institutional funds and also is prepared to provide additional institutional funds if additional federal and state funds should become available. The institution will be asked to specify the amount of additional institutional funds it will be able to provide.
   c. It prefers to provide a lesser amount which will be noted in the space provided. In this case the federal and state amounts will be adjusted to meet the reduced institutional amount.
   d. It chooses not to participate in the LEAP program for this period. In this case it is important that the institution return the form to the Commission to inform them of this choice.

3. A response due date will be included in this notification. Only institutions whose response is received by the Commission by that due date will be eligible to participate in the LEAP Program for that academic year.

4. All institution responses which are received by the Commission on or before the response due date will determine the final list of institutions eligible to participate in the LEAP program. If all institutions elect to participate, the preliminary allocation will become the final allocation list. However, if some institutions choose not to participate, or if some prefer to participate at a reduced level, the staff will calculate a new final allocation list considering only the institutions on the final institutional eligi-

ity list. The staff will then notify each participant institution of its revised allocation, the amount of institutional funds to provide, and instructions for transmitting its funds to the Commission.

5. The Commission will maintain the necessary accounts for each eligible institution which participates in the Arizona LEAP Program. Each account will, as a minimum, show the current status of that account for its source of program funds, and such other information that the Commission deems necessary.

C. Transfer of institutional funds. When the institution receives its final allocation notice from the Commission, it shall send its institutional funds to the Commission. This transfer shall take place beginning July 1 of each year. Checks conveying institutional funds shall be made out to the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education--LEAP Program.

D. Disbursement of Arizona LEAP Program Funds to Participating Institutions. The Commission will disburse funds from the Arizona LEAP Program Fund to participating institutions for further disbursement to approved student applicants in accordance with the program calendar.

E. Reallocation of Unused LEAP Program Funds

1. Schools will be contacted in February, and asked if they will be able to use all their funds or if they wish additional funding and the amount thereof.

2. Schools not awarding 100% of their funds by the middle of February may have the remaining LEAP funds recovered by the Commission for reallocation. Remaining institutional funds, less administrative funds, will then be returned to each of those schools when the final program financial report has been received by the Commission.

3. In March, a reallocation of funds will take place and funds will be available for those schools that asked for additional funds in February.
   a. If the amount of available funds exceeds the total amount of requests, all requests will be honored. Any remaining available funds will be retained by the Commission for later reallocation.
   b. If the amount of the requests exceeds the amount of available funds, the Commission will allocate those funds among the requesting institutions based on each institution’s proportionate share of Arizona resident students eligible headcount for that institution. The enrollment at non-requesting institutions will not be included in these calculations.

4. The staff will notify each participant institution of its share of the reallocation, the amount of institutional funds to provide, and instructions for transmitting its funds to the Commission.

5. Any LEAP funds retained by the institutions, minus the institutional proportionate share originally paid, must be returned to the Commission in the form of a check by the end of July, along with the signed Financial Report. Any unused program funds remaining in the state treasury will be returned to the institutions in the same proportionate share as was paid in at the beginning of the program year. The Commission may impose a deduction in the amount of those unutilized program funds from a school’s following years allocation.

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R7-3-304. Arizona LEAP Student Eligibility Requirements

A. Student eligibility requirements. To be eligible for a grant from the Arizona LEAP Program, a student must:
   1. Be a resident of the State of Arizona as defined by the A.R.S. §§ 15-1802, 15-1803, 15-1804, and 15-1805;
   2. Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment on at least a half-time basis as defined in R7-3-309(A)(20) in an eligible course or program at an Arizona postsecondary educational institution which has met the institutional eligibility requirements in R7-3-302, and which has been approved by the Commission.
   3. At the discretion of the institution financial aid officer, this may include a person who has attained a baccalaureate or first professional degree and has re-entered an eligible Arizona postsecondary institution for retraining in a program below the baccalaureate level. Such a person will be considered an undergraduate student for LEAP purposes.
   4. Have a substantial demonstrated financial need determined in accordance with the provision given in R7-3-304(B);
   5. Maintain satisfactory progress in a course of study as defined by the institution and not be in default or owe a repayment on a federal grant or loan. Refer to 34 CFR 692.

B. Financial Need Determination Procedures. The financial need of eligible students will be determined annually, or more often if need be, by the financial aid officer of the institution the student is attending, or will attend, using the Federal Methodology (FM) system of need analysis approved by the Commission and the U.S. Department of Education. A student must be considered to have substantial need.

C. A student is considered to have substantial financial need when:
   1. The student has an expected family contribution of $2,140 or less as a result of the student’s FM need analysis for the program year; or,
   2. The difference between the student’s cost of education and the student’s expected family contribution is at least $100.

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R7-3-305. Arizona LEAP Award Procedures

A. Eligible students who wish to apply for a LEAP award will provide to the financial aid office the information needed for the financial need analysis as specified in R7-3-304(B).

B. The financial aid office will:
   1. Determine whether or not the student meets the eligibility requirements for an Arizona LEAP award as outlined in R7-3-304(A);
   2. Determine the financial need of the student using the need analysis specified in R7-3-309(B);
   3. Exercise due diligence in determining that the student:
      a. Satisfies verification procedures which may be required for federal Title IV financial aid programs;
      b. Satisfies requirements listed under 34 CFR 692.4;
   4. Recommending the amount of the LEAP award in accordance with the following guidelines:
      a. Awards may be made only to students who meet the criteria of R7-3-304(A);
      b. The total of all LEAP awards to a student may not exceed $2,500 for the program year;
   c. The financial aid officer will determine, based on student need, an award of no more than $2,500 nor less than $100 (round all awards to the nearest $1.00);
   d. The financial aid officer must ensure that all applications are received in a timely fashion so disbursement of funds to students will be made before a semester or training period ends.
   e. Sign the application form.
   5. Send the application form to:
      Arizona Commission For Postsecondary Education
      2020 North Central Avenue, Suite 275
      Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4503
      (Attention: Financial Aid Director)

6. Receive approved applications, assure that LEAP award funds are disbursed to the student, and retain on file disbursement records (signed receipts, canceled checks, etc.) which verify that the student received the funds. No disbursement may be made to a student who, as a result of a change in status, no longer meets the eligibility requirements outlined in R7-3-304.

7. Maintain adequate fiscal control, accounting, and financial aid records at the institution in accordance with approved state and federal procedures.

8. Provide to the Commission such financial and other information as may be required to meet federal reporting and auditing requirements.

C. The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education will:
   1. Receive the application for the Arizona LEAP award;
   2. Verify that the student is eligible and that there are sufficient funds in the LEAP program account to fund the award;
   3. Approve applications which meet these criteria;
   4. Return applications that do not meet the criteria or are in any way incomplete to the financial aid office;
   5. Disburse funds to the institution’s financial aid officer for the approved applications.

Historical Note
Adopted effective September 19, 1996, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 96-3). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 5 A.A.R. 2046, effective June 1, 1999 (Supp. 99-2).
award funds possible in accordance with the repayment policies of that institution.

3. The reversion procedure includes the following steps:
   a. Funds are recovered from the student;
   b. The financial aid officer completes the LEAP Reversion Form;
   c. The financial aid officer forwards the completed LEAP Reversion Form(s) and the Transmittal Form to the Commission.

4. Reverted LEAP funds recovered by the Commission are redeposited in the secured LEAP program account and credited to the institution’s LEAP Program Fund account. Such funds are then available to the institution to be used to make new LEAP awards.

Historical Note
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R7-3-307. Administrative Costs
No federal LEAP funds may be used to administer the Arizona LEAP Program. Therefore, administrative expenses will be paid from nonfederal state appropriated or institutional program funds provided such payment does not reduce state appropriated matching funds necessary to receive the maximum federal LEAP funds.

Historical Note
Adopted effective September 19, 1996, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 96-3). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 5 A.A.R. 2046, effective June 1, 1999 (Supp. 99-2).

R7-3-308. Arizona LEAP Institutional Review
Commission staff members will review Institutional LEAP Program records for each program year, and each institution participating in the LEAP program will be visited at least once every two years. The purpose of the visit is to review, with institution financial and fiscal officers, the LEAP student records which state and federal regulations require be kept. Those records include documentation which verifies that:

1. The student is a resident of the state of Arizona as prescribed by Arizona Revised Statutes.
2. The student is currently enrolled at least half-time in an eligible course or program.
3. The student has a demonstrated need for financial assistance as determined by a Federal Methodology needs analysis system approved by the Commission and the U.S. Department of Education.
4. The student has received the LEAP funds approved for the award (for example, a canceled check, a written receipt, a signed roster, etc.).
5. The institutional financial aid officer must assure that the total amount of financial aid awarded to a student, from all sources, added to the amount of the family contribution, is limited by and does not exceed the student’s total cost of education. The LEAP award limits and the treatment of any additional funds which were received after the institutional aid awards were made shall be consistent with the federal regulations which govern the Federal Title IV, Campus-based programs.
6. Repayments and refunds of LEAP disbursements which have been made to students shall be made in accordance with the written policies of the institution. These written policies must be consistent with applicable federal regulations and a copy must be filed at the Commission office at the beginning of each LEAP program year.
7. Verify that the institution has a Certified Letter of Eligibility and a valid Program Participation Agreement from the Department of Education cited in 34 CFR 668.

Historical Note
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R7-3-309. Definitions
The following definitions are taken from the Federal Regulations which govern the LEAP program and apply to this Plan as well.

1. “Academic year” means a period of time, usually eight to nine months, during which a full-time student would normally be expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters (24 semester hours), two trimesters (24 trimester hours), three quarters (36 quarter hours), or 900 clock hours of instruction.
2. “Act” means the Higher Education Act of 1998, as amended, of Title IV.
3. “Board” means the Arizona Board of Regents.
5. “Clock hour” means a period of time which is the equivalent of a 50 to 60 minute class, lecture, or recitation, or a 50 to 60 minute period of faculty-supervised laboratory, shop training, or internship.
6. “Commission” means the Commission for Postsecondary Education.
7. “Cost of education” means the cost of attending an institution as defined by the institution.
8. “Dependent student” means a student who does not qualify as an Independent Student.
9. “Eligible course or program” is one which is properly approved by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as being an integral part of the curriculum of the institution, is of postsecondary level, and is at least one semester in length at a college or university, or six months in length, or a minimum of 600 clock hours at a proprietary institution.
10. “Expected family contribution of a dependent student” means the sum of amounts which reasonably may be expected from the student to meet the student’s costs of education and the amount which reasonably may be expected to be made available to the student by the student’s parents for such purpose. Amount is calculated based upon the Federal methodology need analysis for current program year.
11. “Expected Family Contribution of an Independent Student” means the amount which reasonably may be expected from the student or their spouse, or both, to meet the student’s cost of education. Amount is calculated based upon the Federal methodology need analysis for current program year.
12. “Federal methodology” means the methodology now mandated by federal regulation for determining financial need for federally funded programs.
13. “Full-time undergraduate student” means a student who has not attained the baccalaureate or first professional degree and who is carrying a full-time academic work load, other than by correspondence, measured in terms of:
   a. Course work or other required activities as determined by the institution in which the student is enrolled, or by the state whose agency is administer-
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16. “Program funds” means the awards; reversions (reverted/retained); and un-utilized Funds:
   a. Awards: Awarded LEAP Funds are dollars given in the form of grants to eligible students attending eligible postsecondary institutions.
   b. Reversions:
      i. Reverted LEAP funds are funds that have been awarded and because student is no longer eligible are returned to the Commission for re-use at a later date.
      ii. Reverted Retained LEAP funds are those funds that institutions have kept and not transferred back to the Commission after the student who has been awarded is considered ineligible for LEAP award.
   c. Un-utilized: Un-utilized LEAP Program Funds are those Funds that have never been awarded to a student by an eligible institution.

17. “Public or private nonprofit institution of higher education” means an educational institution which:
   a. Admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate.
   b. Is legally authorized to provide a program of education beyond secondary education.
   c. Provides an educational program for which it awards an associate, baccalaureate, or professional degree or at least a two-year program which is acceptable for full credit towards a baccalaureate degree, or at least a six-month vocational program which leads to a certificate or degree and prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.
   d. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association or, if not so accredited,
      i. Is an institution with respect to which the Commission has determined that there is satisfactory assurance, considering the resources available to the institution, the period of time, if any, during which it has operated, the effort it is making to meet accreditation standards, and the purpose for which this determination is being made, that the institution will meet the accreditation standards of such an agency or association within a reasonable time, or
      ii. Is an institution whose credits are accepted on transfer, by not less than three institutions which are accredited, for credit on the same basis as if transferred from an institution so accredited. This term also includes any public or nonprofit private educational institution which, in lieu of the requirement in this subsection 309(A)(16)(d)(i) admits as regular students persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state in which the institution is located and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered by the institution.

18. “Nonprofit” as applied to a school, agency, organization, or institution means a school, agency, organization, or institution owned and operated by one or more nonprofit corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

19. “Parent” means the student’s mother or father, or both, legal guardians or legally adoptive parents. This does not include foster parents.

20. “Part-time undergraduate student” is a student who is enrolled at least half-time, but less than full-time, in an eligible program at an eligible and participating Arizona institution. In no case will this be less than six semester, trimester, or quarter hours during any term, including summer sessions.

21. “Part-time graduate student” is a student who has attained a baccalaureate or first professional degree, has been accepted by the graduate college, and is enrolled in an approved graduate level program at an accredited university or college for a minimum of nine semester, trimester, or quarter hours during a normal length term or five hours during a summer session.

22. “Postsecondary education institution” means an educational institution which offers courses or training programs which are beyond the high school level in scope and complexity and which are open to the general public. Major categories are public universities, private colleges and universities, community colleges and proprietary institutions.

23. “Program Year” means the consecutive period which begins on July 1 and runs through June 30 of any given year.

24. “Proprietary institution of higher education” means an educational institution:
   a. Which provides not less than a six-month or 600 clock hour program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation;
   b. Which admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate, or persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance and who have the ability to benefit from the training offered;
   c. Which is legally authorized by the state in which it is located to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
   d. Which is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association approved by the U.S. Commissioner of Education for this purpose;
   e. Which is not a public or other nonprofit institution; and
   f. Which has been in existence for at least two years. The term also includes any proprietary institution which offers degrees at the associate, baccalaureate
or graduate level, and which has an agreement with the U.S. Secretary of Education containing the terms and conditions which the Secretary determines to be necessary to ensure that the availability of assistance to students at the school under this program has not resulted, and will not result, in an increase in the tuition, fees, or other changes to students.

25. “State” means, in addition to the several states of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

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ARTICLE 4. ARIZONA PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

R7-3-401. Purpose
The purpose of the Arizona Private Postsecondary Education Student Financial Assistance Program is to enhance the educational opportunities of citizens wishing to attend Arizona private postsecondary colleges or universities by providing financial assistance to eligible students attending eligible postsecondary institutions.

Historical Note
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R7-3-402. Definitions
A. “Award year” means the period from July 1 through June 30 of the succeeding year.
B. “Commission” means the Commission for Postsecondary Education.
C. “Eligible postsecondary institution” means any private postsecondary institution:
   1. Licensed to provide baccalaureate degrees in Arizona by the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education; and
   2. Accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.
D. “Eligible student” means an individual who:
   1. Has obtained an associate degree from a community college under the jurisdiction of the Arizona State Board of Directors for Community Colleges; and
   2. Enrolls as a full-time undergraduate student at an eligible postsecondary institution.
E. “Enrollment” means the establishment and maintenance of an individual’s status as a student in an eligible postsecondary institution, regardless of the definition used at that institution.
F. “FAFSA” means Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
G. “Financial need” means the cost of attendance less expected family contribution, determined from the student’s FAFSA form, minus any grant or scholarship aid.
H. “Full-time student” means an individual who is enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester or an equivalent calculation.
I. “Undergraduate student” means an individual who has not earned a baccalaureate or professional degree and who is enrolled in a postsecondary educational program which leads to, or is creditable toward, a baccalaureate degree.
J. “Student financial assistance” means awarding a grant of money to an eligible, undergraduate student for payment of tuition and fees, as defined and allowed under United States Department of Education Title IV student assistance analysis, at an eligible postsecondary institution.

Historical Note
R7-3-404. Student Eligibility
A. To be considered for an initial private postsecondary education student financial assistance, an eligible student, as defined in R7-3-402(D) and R7-3-402(G), shall submit a complete private postsecondary education student financial assistance program application to the Commission. The application shall contain:
1. Assurance of acceptance at an eligible institution;
2. Assurance of attendance as a full-time student;
3. Written authorization to inspect any of the academic or financial records of the student which are in the possession or under the control of the institution, which records are necessary to the proper administration of the provision of the Program and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
4. A signed statement certifying the student’s understanding that the award will be used for tuition and fee expenses only; and
5. Agreement to reimburse the Commission the total amount of Program awards in the event the student fails to receive a baccalaureate degree within a three-year period of the receipt of the initial student financial assistance award.
B. To be eligible for a renewal of a private postsecondary education student financial assistance, a student shall:
1. Meet the conditions of R7-3-402(D);
2. Provide verification of full-time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution for the previous award year; and
3. Not have exceeded a cumulative total of $3,000 in awards.

Historical Note

R7-3-405. Termination of Award
A. Student financial assistance shall be terminated if:
1. A student has withdrawn from the PFAP program; or
2. A student has been dismissed from the institution for academic or other reasons; or
3. A student is not in attendance for more than 12 consecutive months.
B. The remaining student financial assistance award money designated for that student shall no longer be available to that student. This money shall be available for awards to other eligible students.

Historical Note

ARTICLE 5. RECODIFIED

R7-3-501. Recodified

Historical Note
Adopted effective October 31, 1997, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 97-4). Amended by exempt rulemaking effective January 9, 2002 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 486, effective August 14, 2003 (Supp. 03-3). Section R7-3-501 recodified to Section R2-13-201 at 27 A.A.R. 1656, with an immediate effective date of September 23, 2021 (Supp. 21-3).

R7-3-502. Recodified

Historical Note
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R7-3-503. Recodified

Historical Note
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R7-3-504. Recodified

Historical Note
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R7-3-505. Recodified

Historical Note
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R7-3-507. Recodified

Historical Note
Adopted effective December 21, 1998, under an exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1852(C) (Supp. 98-4). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 3743, effective August 8, 2002 (Supp. 02-3). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 9 A.A.R. 3886, effective August 14, 2003 (Supp. 03-3). Section R7-3-507 recodified to Section R2-13-207 at 27 A.A.R. 1656, with an immediate effective date of September 23, 2021 (Supp. 21-3).

R7-3-508. Recodified

Historical Note
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