



California College Promise Grant (Formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver or BOG Fee Waiver)

Academic Eligibility Requirements

Effective July 1, 2015 students receiving the California College Promise Grant have to meet minimum academic and progress standards to remain eligible for the fee waiver.

Exemptions

Foster youth or former foster youth **under** the age of 25 are exempt from losing their fee waiver eligibility under the law. In addition, students determined by another agency to be eligible for a fee waiver under the following special categories are exempt from the Loss of Fee Waiver provisions:

- Dependents of California National Guard members,
- Dependents of veterans,
- Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and their dependents,
- Surviving dependents of the September 11, 2001 attacks, and
- Dependents of law enforcement or fire suppression personnel.

Loss of Fee Waiver

The academic standards are explained thoroughly in the Grossmont College Catalog and are **different** than federal financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.

It is recommended that students carefully read the academic and progress standards published in the College Catalog (located in the Admissions Procedures section under "Probation and Dismissal"). The link to the Grossmont College catalog is: <http://www.grossmont.edu/academics/schedulecatalog/default.aspx>. A brief summary of the academic requirements, as they relate to continued eligibility for the California College Promise Grant fee waiver, are provided below.

- **Academic** – Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
If your cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 for two consecutive* primary terms (fall or spring), you will lose your fee waiver unless you are currently enrolled for the next primary term.
- **Progress** – Complete more than 50% of your coursework
If the cumulative number of units you complete is less than 51% for two consecutive* primary terms (fall or spring), you will lose your fee waiver unless you are currently enrolled for the next primary term.
- **Combination of Academic and Progress Standards**
Any combination of two consecutive* terms of cumulative GPA below a 2.0 and/or cumulative unit completion of less than 51%, will result in the loss of eligibility for the fee waiver unless you are currently enrolled for the next primary term.



* Under California law, primary terms are defined as *consecutive* on the basis of the student's enrollment, so long as the break in the student's enrollment does not exceed one primary term.

EXAMPLE 1: Anna is placed on Academic Probation for Spring 2017 because she received a cumulative GPA of 1.22. Anna returns for Fall 2017 and, although she maintains a 2.0 overall GPA, she drops and receives a 'W' for 6 out of her 12 units attempted for Fall 2017. Since Anna completed less than 51% of her attempted units, she is placed on Progress Probation after the term is over. However, Anna registers for the Spring 2018 term in November 2017 (before her status of Progress Probation is determined at the end of the Fall 2017 term).

Because Anna enrolled for the next primary term before her second consecutive semester of either Academic or Progress Probation had been determined, she will not lose her eligibility for the fee waiver for the Spring 2018 term.

EXAMPLE 2: Olaf is placed on Progress Probation for Fall 2017 because he only completed 6 units out of the 12 he attempted, which is less than 51% of his attempted units. Olaf returns in Spring 2018 and receives a 1.75 overall GPA at the end of the term. Olaf is placed on Academic Probation on June 4, 2018. He is not scheduled to register for Fall 2018 until June 19, 2018.

Because Olaf had two consecutive semesters of either Academic or Progress Probation and he will not be enrolled for the upcoming primary term when his second consecutive term of probation is determined, he will lose his eligibility for the fee waiver for the upcoming fall.

EXAMPLE 3: Elsa is placed on Academic Probation after the Spring 2017 term because she received a cumulative GPA of 1.57. Elsa does not return for Fall 2017 because she wants to take a break from school. She returns in Spring 2018 and, again struggles, and receives a cumulative GPA of 1.93 and is placed on Academic Probation on June 4, 2018. Elsa has not yet registered for classes for the Fall 2018 primary term when her probation status is determined.

Because Elsa's break in attendance does not exceed one primary term, her enrollment is considered to be consecutive under California law. Also, since she hasn't enrolled for the upcoming fall term at the time she is placed on Academic Probation for the second consecutive primary term, she will lose her eligibility for the fee waiver for the upcoming fall.

Appeals

Students have the right to submit a petition for the loss of their fee waiver eligibility to the Admissions & Records office and consideration may be given for the following:

- extenuating circumstances, which may include an illness, the death of a family member or changes in the student's economic situation; or

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- special consideration factors for students who are veterans or students who are eligible and participating in the CalWORKS, EOPS, or DSPS programs; or
- academic improvement.