**Pell Grant — Pell eligibility of students with bachelor’s degrees who enroll in vocational or career programs**

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**Exemptions:** Institutions selected for this experiment were exempt from the following statutory and regulatory provisions:

[HEA section 401(c)(1)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:20%20section:1070a%20edition:prelim)%20OR%20(granuleid:USC-prelim-title20-section1070a)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true): Period of eligibility for grants.

[34 CFR 668.32(c)(2)(i)(A)](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=94d42f52e68d38f060b650d1e6ea5c85&mc=true&node=se34.3.668_132&rgn=div8): A school may award one full scheduled Pell Grant award to a student who has already received a bachelor’s degree. The student must be enrolled in a vocational/career program of one year or less over no more than two award years.

[34 CFR 690.6(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=94d42f52e68d38f060b650d1e6ea5c85&mc=true&node=se34.4.690_16&rgn=div8): A school may award one full scheduled Pell Grant award to a student who has already received a bachelor’s degree. The student must be enrolled in a vocational/career program of one year or less over no more than two award years.

**Action Plan for 2017-2018 and beyond: The institution must transition back to the required law and regulations below:**

# Regulations/law: [HEA section 401(c)(1)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:20%20section:1070a%20edition:prelim)%20OR%20(granuleid:USC-prelim-title20-section1070a)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true); [34 CFR 668.32(c)(2)(i)(A)](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=94d42f52e68d38f060b650d1e6ea5c85&mc=true&node=se34.3.668_132&rgn=div8) and [34 CFR 690.6(a)](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=94d42f52e68d38f060b650d1e6ea5c85&mc=true&node=se34.4.690_16&rgn=div8)

Note: Students entered into the random assignment system (RAS) for the Pell Grant experiment for students with bachelor’s degrees through March 31, 2017 and who were randomly selected to receive Pell Grant funding may continue to receive funding through the 2017-18 award year in order to complete their program. This funding is capped at a maximum of one full scheduled Pell Grant, even if disbursed across multiple award years of less than full-time attendance. At the conclusion of the 2017-18 award year on June 30, 2018 there will be no further funding available for students with bachelor’s degrees.

To assist you with your action plan, we have provided guidance on areas that you may want to consider during the transition process.

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| Action | Timetable |
| **Policies and Procedures** |  |
| * Locate affected policies and procedures * Update policies and procedures to reflect current requirements |  |
| **Systems** |  |
| * Identify affected system changes, as applicable |  |
| **Consumer Information** |  |
| * Identify all Consumer Information documents and web pages that require updates * Schedule Changes |  |
| **Reporting** |  |
| * Prepare for reporting requirements. Reporting requirements remain in effect for the Fall 2017 reporting period. |  |
| **Impact on other Offices** |  |
| **Financial Aid Office:** Train staff on the current law and how it impacts the aid office  **Publication Office:** Provide information that requires updates and include web pages  **Computer Systems**: Notify institutional information technology department if any changes need to be made to systems  **Other Offices**: Notify other offices and make changes as appropriate |  |