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Fall 2016 BOG Fee Waiver Changes

Everything you need to know to remain eligible for the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver.

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Minimum requirements for maximum success.

Whether you want to move into a career or move on to a four-year university, California community colleges want to help you achieve your educational goals. The Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver, available to eligible students, will waive your per unit enrollment fee at any California community college throughout the state.

Once you’ve qualified for the BOG Fee Waiver, it’s important to ensure that you’re meeting the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing it.

Academic — Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

Progress — Complete more than 50 percent of your coursework
If the cumulative number of units you complete is not more than 50 percent in two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

Combination of Academic and Progress Standards
Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0, and/or cumulative unit completion of not more than 50 percent may result in loss of fee waiver eligibility.

How will I know?
You’ll be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if you are being placed on either academic (GPA) and/or progress (course completion) probation. Your notification will include the information that a second term of probation will result in loss of fee waiver eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, you may lose eligibility for the fee waiver at your next registration opportunity.

How to regain eligibility.
If you lose eligibility for the BOG Fee Waiver, there are a few ways that you can have it reinstated:

- Improve your GPA or course completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards
- Successful appeal regarding extenuating circumstances
- Successful appeal based on significant academic improvement
- Not attending your school district for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters)

The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:

- Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
- Changes in economic situation
- Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
- Special consideration factors for CalWORKs, EOPS, DSPS and student veterans
- Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the financial aid office or registrar at your college.

Please note that foster youth and former foster youth (age 24 years and younger) are not subject to loss of the BOG Fee Waiver under these regulations.