

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CHAPTER 25. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 7. Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant Program
610:25-7-6. Eligibility; amount of grant; application procedures and deadlines; disbursement of funds [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule changes address the following issue:

Award Disbursement Policies: Colleges and universities continue to expand their offerings of more flexible non-traditional enrollment options. In addition, many certificate programs at state career technology centers (at which the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant – OTAG – is authorized to be used) are also offered in non-traditional enrollment periods based on clock hours rather than college semester credit hours. The proposed changes allow the OTAG award to be disbursed in a manner consistent with the student’s actual enrollment period. The OTAG disbursement procedure will follow federal Pell Grant guidelines which are familiar to all student financial aid officers. The proposed change does not change the maximum annual award, but allows the award to be disbursed in a consistent and effective manner.

AUTHORITY:

70 O.S. §626.1 *et seq.*; 70 O.S. §3206 (i); Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

COMMENT PERIOD:

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2016.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2016.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

ACCEPTED 10/4/16
Office of Administrative Rules
Oklahoma Secretary of State
Docket # 16-756 OAR/cert CW

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after November 1, 2016.

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NAME OF AGENCY:

State Regents for Higher Education

TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

Notice of rulemaking intent

LIAISON VERIFICATION:

I verify that I have reviewed the attached document and that it substantially conforms to filing and format requirements of the APA and the rules of the Secretary of State. Additional information may be obtained by contacting me at 405-225-9289.



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