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Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: Cal Grant Awards for Students with Dependent Children – Update

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the Cal Grant Awards for Students with Dependent Children (SWD). To allow institutions to post eligible payments and reconcile Cal Grant funds in a timely manner, the Commission will be reprocessing all non-certified 2021-22 SWD students to their base Cal Grant award amount on **March 17, 2022**.

- This process will remove the current payment hold and the SWD system identifier. If you later determine that a student in this scenario meets the eligibility criteria for the increased access award, please submit a Grant Record Change (G-21 form) to the Commission to have the student's award recalculated. In the Reason section, please include SWD status change: *student is eligible for the increased award, please reprocess with ISIR number*.
- The Commission has sent email notifications to non-certified SWD students with the steps they need to take to certify their eligibility through their WebGrants for Students account.
- You may customize your roster in WebGrants to limit the records displayed based on the 'Student with Dependents – Eligibility Confirmed' flag.
 - A value of 'Y' in this field indicates that the SWD eligibility has been confirmed and the payment hold has been released.
 - A value of 'N' indicates that the certification is still pending, and the award is still on hold.

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