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**TO:** Indiana Higher Education Financial Aid Offices  
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**RE:** Eight-Year Rule *KCG*  
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The 2011 Indiana General Assembly passed IC 21-12-13 Sec 1. (a), (b) stating a grant or reduction in tuition and fees, including all renewals and extensions, may not exceed one hundred and twenty-four (124) undergraduate credit hours or its equivalent, as determined by the commission. Additionally, the awards must be used within eight (8) years after the date the individual first applies after July 1, 2011 and becomes eligible for benefits.

## Eligibility

- 1) The following are the applicable programs impacted by IC 21-12-13 Sec 1. (a),(b):
  - a. Higher Education Award ("HEA") (IC 21-12-3)
  - b. Freedom of Choice Award ("FOC") (IC 21-12-4)
  - c. Part-Time Student Grant (IC 21-12-8)
  - d. Twenty-first Century Scholarship (IC 21 12 8)
  - e. Insurance Education Scholarship (IC 21-12-9) (not currently funded)
  - f. Minority Teacher/Special Services Scholarship ("MT") (IC 21-13-2)
  - g. Nursing Scholarship (IC 21-13-3)
  - h. National Guard Scholarship (IC 12-13-4)
  - i. Tuition Exemption Senior Citizen Fund (IC 21-14-5) (not currently funded)
  - j. CVO programs:
    - 1) Military programs impacted if veteran parent initially enlisted after June 30, 2011:
      - i. Child of a POW/MIA (IC 10-17-7)
      - ii. Child of a Disabled Veteran (IC 21-14-4)
      - iii. Child or Spouse of National Guard member killed in line of duty (IC 21-14-7)
      - iv. Purple Heart Recipient (IC 21-14-10) (Impacted if veteran initially enlisted after June 30, 2011)
    - 2) Public Safety Officer programs impacted if student first applies and becomes eligible after June 30, 2011:
      - i. Child or Spouse of State Trooper permanently, totally disabled in line of duty (IC 10-2-2-11)
      - ii. Child or Spouse of Public Safety Officer killed in the line duty (IC 21-14-6-3)
- 2) For those students who have been identified as having used state aid other than CVO eight (8) or more years ago, SSACI will not create grants or accept award billings.

The attached 2012 grant file layout spreadsheet includes an updated APPL file record description to reflect the Eight (8) Year rule. Detailed instructions will be available in the xGrads Information Files by March 1, 2012.

School partners with questions on this topic should contact by phone SSACI at 317-232-2372 or via email at [CollegeFA@ssaci.in.gov](mailto:CollegeFA@ssaci.in.gov). Students with questions should contact the SSACI Grant Division at 317-232-2372 or [grants@ssaci.in.gov](mailto:grants@ssaci.in.gov).