

FINAL REGULATIONS ADDRESSING TRANSFER OF CREDIT PROVISIONS

Transfer-of-credit provisions are included in two sections of the Higher Education Act: disclosures to students & prospective students and accreditation. Consequently, there are two sets of regulations for these provisions—one dealing with general issues and one with accreditation.

General and Non-Loan Programmatic Issues

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[pp. 55901-55969]

Final regulation dealing with transfer-of-credit [p. 55944]

§ 668.43 Institutional information.

(a) Institution information that the institution must make readily available upon request to enrolled and prospective students under this subpart includes, but is not limited to--

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(11) A description of the transfer of credit policies established by the institution which must include a statement of the institution's current transfer of credit policies that includes, at a minimum—

(i) Any established criteria the institution uses regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution; and

(ii) A list of institutions with which the institution has established an articulation agreement.

Accreditation

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[pp. 55414-55435]

Preamble Discussion [p. 55419]

Transfer of Credit (§ 602.24)

Comment: One commenter recommended deleting § 602.24(e)(2), which requires that agencies confirm that institutions have transfer of credit policies that include a statement of the criteria established by the institution regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution of higher education. The commenter stated that conforming transfer of credit policies is impossible due to the variety of situations in which transfers of credit may arise. The commenter also said that requiring institutions to specify detailed transfer

of credit criteria could inadvertently reduce student mobility. Another commenter supported the wording in the proposed regulations regarding public disclosure of transfer of credit policies.

Discussion: Section 496(c)(7) of the HEA requires accrediting agencies to confirm that an institution has transfer of credit policies that include a statement of the criteria established by the institution regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution. The regulations reflect this requirement, and we do not have the authority to modify the requirement.

Changes: None.

Final Regulation dealing with Transfer of Credit [p. 55429]

§ 602.24 Additional procedures certain institutional accreditors must have.

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(e) *Transfer of credit policies.* The accrediting agency must confirm, as part of its review for initial accreditation or preaccreditation, or renewal of accreditation, that the institution has transfer of credit policies that—

- (1) Are publicly disclosed in accordance with § 668.43(a)(11); and**
- (2) Include a statement of the criteria established by the institution regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution of higher education.**