

RETAKING COURSE WORK (Sec. 668.2(b)) (FR p. 666948)

Small change made to the NPRM.

Rationale for Regulation: To eliminate the burden on institutions of tracking student course work to prevent payment for repeated course work, the department is willing to allow students to count the retaking of certain courses towards ‘full-time status’ for financial aid purposes.

Key Provisions of the Regulation: In a term-based program, a student’s enrollment status, and thus eligibility for Title IV aid, may take into account repeated program course work. Only one such repetition is allowed for course work that was previously taken and passed. However, a repetition of a previously passed course due to the student failing other course work would not count toward full-time status. Repeated courses are counted in determining satisfactory academic progress. NB. This refers only to eligibility for Title IV aid. Institutions may still set their own policy on retaking course work and awarding credits for repeated course work.

Regulatory Language:

Section 668.2 is amended:

In paragraph (b), in the definition of Full-time student, adding the words, “including for a term-based program, repeating any coursework previously taken in the program but not including either more than one repetition of a previously passed course, or any repetition of a previously passed course due to the student failing other coursework” immediately before the period in the second sentence.