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# Fall 2016 BOG Fee Waiver Changes

*Everything you need to know to remain eligible for  
the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver.*

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## Minimum requirements for maximum success.

Whether you want to move into a career or move on to a four-year university, California community colleges want to help you achieve your educational goals. The Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver is available for eligible students at California community colleges, and will waive your per-unit enrollment fee at any community college throughout the state.

Once you've qualified for the BOG Fee Waiver, it's important to ensure that you're meeting the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing the fee waiver.

### **Academic — Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher**

If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

### **Progress — Complete more than 50% of your coursework**

If the cumulative number of units you complete is not more than 50% in two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose your fee waiver eligibility.

### **Combination of Academic and Progress Standards**

Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0, and/or cumulative unit completion of not more than 50% may result in loss of fee waiver eligibility.

## How will I know?

You'll be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if you are being placed on either Academic (GPA) and/or Progress (Course Completion) probation. Your notification will include the

information that a second term of probation will result in loss of fee waiver eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, you may lose eligibility for the fee waiver at your next registration opportunity.

## How to regain eligibility.

If you lose eligibility for the BOG Fee Waiver, there are a few ways that you can have it reinstated:

- Improve your GPA or Course Completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards
- Successful appeal regarding extenuating circumstances
- Not attending your school district for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters)

The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:

- Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
- Changes in economic situation
- Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
- Special consideration factors for CalWORKs, EOPS, DSPS and veteran students
- Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner

Please note that foster youth and former foster youth (age 24 years and younger) are not subject to loss of the BOG Fee Waiver under these regulations.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the financial aid office or registrar at your college.

**RE: Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) –Program Changes Effective for Fall 2016  
(For Informational Purposes only)**

Dear 4CD Students,

Starting Fall 2016 there will be minimum academic progress standards that must be met for continued eligibility for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver Program (BOGFW) - **please note that these standards are different and separate from federal student aid's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).** The Academic and Progress Standards for the BOGFW are:

**Academic Standards:** Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

**Progress Standards:** Cumulative satisfactory completion of more than 50% of all coursework attempted.

Students who do not meet the standards listed above for two consecutive primary semesters (Fall and Spring) will lose eligibility of the BOGFW. Within 30 days of the end of a primary semester, the College will send a communication to those students who failed to meet the standards for two consecutive primary semesters and will include instructions for how to appeal loss of the BOGFW. **Please note that this appeal is separate from any appeal for federal student aid, and the approval of one appeal will not mean the automatic approval of the other.**

If you need more information please contact your financial aid office.

Sincerely,

**Financial Aid Office**

**Contra Costa Community College District - (CCC, DVC, & LMC)**