

Urgent Bulletin

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Temporary Nutrition Assistance (NA) Student Eligibility Exemption 01/14/2021 Code

Program Impact: NA

This Urgent Bulletin is being issued to inform staff that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (PL116-260) provided additional temporary Student Exemption reasons for college students effective 01/01/2021.

FAA Systems has added a new code for the temporary student exemption reasons. The Pandemic Student (PS) Exemption Reason Code is to be keyed in the STUDENT Exempt field on SSDO when the participant meets one of these temporary student exemptions.

Students that are enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education may participate in the NA program when they met all income and eligibility requirements, have applied for financial aid, and one of the following conditions are met and verified:

- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 stated on the Student Aid Report (SAR) or any other financial aid verification for the current academic school year.
- Are eligible to participate in a state or federally financed work-study program during the current academic school year as identified on the Financial Aid Award Letter. The PS exemption is different from the current Work-Study (WS) student exemption. Students meeting the PS exemption need only to be eligible for work-study and do not have a requirement to participate.

The PS Exemption Reason Code is effective as of 01/01/2021 for NA determinations. Staff should only utilize the PS Exemption Reason Code when no other exemption is met. The temporary student eligibility standards authorized will terminate after the first recertification of a household beginning no earlier than 30 days after the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted.

EFC Verification of PS Exemption – The EFC can be located on the SAR. When the EFC field displays all zeroes the participant is potentially eligible to participate in the NA program. Upload the verification into the case file. No further verification for the PS exemption is necessary. Key the participant IN on SEPA and key the PS Exemption Reason Code in the STUDENT Exempt field on SSDO. Document the case file “**Temporary Student Exemption EFC**”. See the EFC verification example below:

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SAR with 00000 displaying in the EFC field

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2012-2013

Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	01/29/2012	XXX-XX-████████
Processed Date:	05/01/2012	(EFC: 00000 *)
		DRN: 4094

When any amount other than \$0 is displayed in the EFC field on the SAR, the participant is not eligible for the PS exemption for the EFC reason. The participant may be potentially eligible for the PS exemption reason when they have been approved for a state or federally financed work-study program but are not participating. Explore the Financial Aid Award Letter for any indication that the participant has been approved for any compensation in a state or federally financed work-study program. Upload the verification into the case file. Key the participant IN on SEPA and key the PS Exemption Reason Code in the STUDENT Exempt field on SSDO. Document the case file with “**Work-study not participating**”. See the SAR and Financial Aid Award Letter verification example below:

Explore work-study when the SAR displays numbers in the EFC field

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2018-2019 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	10/01/2017	XXX-XX-0010 DE 03
Processed Date:	10/01/2017	(EFC: 007912 *)
		DRN: 4653

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Financial Aid Award Letter Work-Study Approved

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE	\$38,400		
Tuition and fees:	\$24,500		
Room and board:	\$9,400		
Books, materials, and supplies:	\$1,000		
Personal, travel, misc:	\$2,000		
Computer	\$1,500		
Aid Description	Fall	Spring	Total
Federal Perkins Loan	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Federal Stafford Loan - Subsidized	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$3,500
Federal Stafford Loan - Unsubsidized	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
School Scholarship	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
State Scholarship	\$450	\$450	\$900
(Federal Work-Study (FWS))	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$3,000
Total			\$28,400

Follow the normal change processing policy when a participant on an active case, who is currently an ineligible student, reports and provides verification of the new temporary PS exemption.

When the verification for the PS exemption is not provided consider the participant an ineligible student.

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