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(c) *Reduced part-time term of service.* The education award for a reduced part-time term of service of fewer than 900 hours is—

(1) An amount equal to the product of—

(i) The number of hours of service required to complete the reduced part-time term of service divided by 900; and

(ii) 2,362.50; or

(2) An amount as determined otherwise by the Corporation.

(d) *Release for compelling personal circumstances.* The education award for an individual who is released from completing an originally-approved term of service for compelling personal circumstances is equal to the product of—

(1) The number of hours completed divided by the number of hours in the originally-approved term of service; and

(2) The amount of the education award for the originally-approved term of service.

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§ 2528.10 For what purposes may an education award be used?

(a) *Authorized uses.* An education award may be used—

(1) To repay qualified student loans in accordance with § 2528.20;

(2) To pay all or part of the current cost of attendance at an institution of higher education in accordance with § 2528.30 through § 2528.50;

(3) To pay expenses incurred in participating in an approved school-to-work program in accordance with § 2528.60 through § 2528.70.

(b) *Multiple uses.* An education award is divisible and may be applied to any combination of loans, costs, or expenses described in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 2528.20 What steps are necessary to use an education award to repay a qualified student loan?

(a) *Required information.* Before disbursing an amount from an education award to repay a qualified student loan, the Corporation must receive—

(1) An individual's written authorization and request for a specific payment amount;

(2) Identifying and other information from the holder of the loan as requested by the Corporation and necessary to ensure compliance with this part.

(b) *Payment.* When the Corporation receives the information required under paragraph (a) of this section, the Corporation will pay the holder of the loan and notify the individual of the payment.

(c) *Aggregate payments.* The Corporation may establish procedures to aggregate payments to holders of loans for more than a single individual.

§ 2528.30 What steps are necessary to use an education award to pay all or part of the current cost of attendance at an institution of higher education?

(a) *Required information.* Before disbursing an amount from an education award to pay all or part of the current cost of attendance at an institution of higher education, the Corporation must receive—

(1) An individual's written authorization and request for a specific payment amount;

(2) Information from the institution of higher education as requested by the Corporation, including verification that—

(i) It has in effect a program participation agreement under section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094);

(ii) Its eligibility to participate in any of the programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 has not been limited, suspended, or terminated;

(iii) It has in effect a fair and equitable refund policy, consistent with the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 484B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b) and 34 CFR 668.22, and must ensure an appropriate refund to the Corporation if an individual who has used an education award withdraws or otherwise fails to complete the period of enrollment for which the education award was provided;

(iv) Individuals using education awards to pay for the current cost of attendance at that institution do not comprise more than 15 percent of the institution's total student population;

(v) The amount requested will be used to pay all or part of the individual's cost of attendance;

(vi) The amount requested does not exceed the difference between:

(A) The individual's cost of attendance; and

(B) The sum of the individual's estimated student financial assistance for that period under part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act and the individual's veterans' education benefits as defined in section 480(c) of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)).

(b) *Payment.* When the Corporation receives the information required under paragraph (a) of this section, the Corporation will pay the institution and notify the individual of the payment.

(c) *Installment payments.* The Corporation will disburse the education award to the institution of higher education in at least two separate installments, none of which exceeds 50 percent of the total amount. The interval between in-

stallments may not be less than one-half of the period of enrollment, except as necessary to permit the second installment to be paid at the beginning of the second semester, quarter, or other division of a period of enrollment.

§ 2528.40 Is there a limit on the amount of an individual's education award that the Corporation will disburse to an institution of higher education for a given period of enrollment?

Yes. The Corporation's disbursement from an individual's education award for any period of enrollment may not exceed the difference between—

(a) The individual's cost of attendance for that period of enrollment, determined by the institution of higher education in accordance with section 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1987ll); and

(b) The sum of—

(1) The individual's estimated financial assistance for that period under part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act; and

(2) The individual's veterans' education benefits as defined under section 480(c) of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(c)).

§ 2528.50 What happens if an individual withdraws or fails to complete the period of enrollment in an institution of higher education for which the Corporation has disbursed all or part of that individual's education award?

(a)(1) An institution of higher education that receives a disbursement of education award funds from the Corporation must have in effect, and must comply with, a fair and equitable refund policy that includes procedures for providing a refund to the Corporation if an individual for whom the Corporation has disbursed education award funds withdraws or otherwise fails to complete a period of enrollment.

(2) For purposes of this part, an institution of higher education's refund policy is deemed "fair and equitable" if it is consistent with the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 484B of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b) and 34 CFR 668.22.