The number of credit or clock hours in the payment period
or
The number of weeks of instructional time in the payment period

(f) Maximum disbursement. A single disbursement may not exceed 50 percent of any award determined under paragraph (d) of this section. If a payment for a payment period calculated under paragraph (d) of this section would require the disbursement of more than 50 percent of a student’s ACG or National SMART Grant annual award in that payment period, the institution shall make at least two disbursements to the student in that payment period. The institution may not disburse an amount that exceeds 50 percent of the student’s ACG or National SMART Grant annual award until the student has completed the period of time in the payment period that equals, in terms of weeks of instructional time, 50 percent of the weeks of instructional time in the program’s academic year.

(g) Definition of academic year. For purposes of this section, an institution must define an academic year for each of its eligible programs in terms of the number of credit or clock hours and weeks of instructional time in accordance with the requirements of 34 CFR 668.3.

(h) Payment period and grade level progression. A student may not progress to the next year during a payment period. The student’s payment for the payment period—

(1) Is from the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award of the year being completed; and
(2) Is calculated based on the student’s credit or clock hours for the payment period, and weeks of instructional time in the payment period.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-1)


§ 691.64 Calculation of a grant for a payment period which occurs in two award years.

(a) If a student enrolls in a payment period that is scheduled to occur in two award years—

(1) The entire payment period must be considered to occur within one award year;
(2) The institution shall determine for each ACG or National SMART Grant recipient the award year in which the payment period will be placed subject to the restrictions set forth in paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(6) of this section;
(3) The institution shall place a payment period with more than six months scheduled to occur in one award year in that award year;
(4) If the institution places the payment period in the first award year, it shall pay a student with funds from the first award year;
(5) If the institution places the payment period in the second award year, it shall pay a student with funds from the second award year; and
(6) The institution must assign the payment period for both the ACG or National SMART Grant and the Federal Pell Grant to the same award year.

(b) An institution may not make a payment that results in the student receiving more than his or her ACG or
§ 691.65 Transfer student.

(a) If a student who receives a grant under this part at one institution subsequently enrolls at a second institution in the same award year, the student may receive a grant at the second institution only if—

(1)(i) The student submits a valid SAR to the second institution; or

(ii) The second institution obtains a valid ISIR; and

(2) The student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant in the same award year.

(b) The second institution shall calculate the student’s award according to § 691.63.

(c) The second institution may pay a grant only for that portion of the year of the student’s eligible program in which a student is enrolled at that institution. The grant amount must be adjusted, if necessary, to ensure that the grant does not exceed the student’s ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award for the student’s year at the second institution.

(d) If a student transfers between award years and the student’s ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award at the second institution differs from the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award at the first institution for that year of the student’s eligible program, the grant amount at the second institution is calculated as follows—

(1) The amount received at the first institution is compared to the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award at the first institution to determine the percentage of the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award that the student has received.

(2) That percentage is subtracted from 100 percent.

(3) The remaining percentage is the percentage of the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award at the second institution to which the student is entitled.

(e) The student’s ACG or National SMART Grant payment for each payment period is calculated according to the procedures in § 691.63 unless the remaining percentage of the ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award at the second institution, referred to in paragraph (d)(3) of this section, is less than the amount the student would normally receive for that payment period. In that case, the student’s payment is equal to that remaining percentage.

(f) A transfer student shall repay any amount received that exceeds his or her ACG or National SMART Grant Scheduled Award for a year in accordance with § 691.79.

[Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a–1]

§ 691.66 Correspondence study.

(a) An institution calculates the ACG or National SMART Grant for a payment period for a student in a program of study offered by correspondence courses without terms, but not including any residential component, by—

(1) Determining that the student is attending at least half-time;

(2) Determining the student’s half-time annual award determined under § 691.62; and

(3) Multiplying the student’s half-time annual award by the lesser of—

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\frac{\text{The number of credit hours in the payment period}}{\text{The number of credit hours in the program’s academic year}}
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or