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### Subpart A—General

#### § 668.1 Scope.

(a) This part establishes general rules that apply to an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA program). To the extent that an institution contracts with a third-party servicer to administer any aspect of the institution's participation in any Title IV, HEA program, the applicable rules in

this part also apply to that servicer. An institution's use of a third-party servicer does not alter the institution's responsibility for compliance with the rules in this part.

(b) As used in this part, an "institution," unless otherwise specified, includes—

(1) An institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.4;

(2) A proprietary institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.5; and

(3) A postsecondary vocational institution as defined in 34 CFR 600.6.

(c) The Title IV, HEA programs include—

(1) The Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 690);

(2) The Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a–1; 34 CFR part 691);

(3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 676);

(4) The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070c *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 692);

(5) The Federal Stafford Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 682);

(6) The Federal PLUS Program (20 U.S.C. 1078–2; 34 CFR part 682);

(7) The Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1078–3; 34 CFR part 682);

(8) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 675);

(9) The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 685);

(10) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 674);

(11) The National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a–1; 34 CFR part 691); and

(12) The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program.

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### § 668.2 General definitions.

(a) The following definitions are contained in the regulations for Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600:

- (1) Accredited.
- (2) Award year.
- (3) Branch campus.
- (4) Clock hour.
- (5) Correspondence course.
- (6) Credit hour.
- (7) Direct assessment program.
- (8) Distance education.
- (9) Educational program.
- (10) Eligible institution.
- (11) Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) programs.
- (12) Foreign institution.
- (13) Incarcerated student.
- (14) Institution of higher education.
- (15) Legally authorized.
- (16) Nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- (17) Nonprofit institution.
- (18) One-year training program.
- (19) Postsecondary vocational institution.
- (20) Preaccredited.
- (21) Proprietary institution of higher education.
- (22) Recognized equivalent of a high school diploma.
- (23) Recognized occupation.
- (24) Regular student.
- (25) Religious mission.
- (26) Secretary.
- (27) State.
- (28) Teach-out.
- (29) Teach-out agreement.
- (30) Teach-out plan.
- (31) Title IV, HEA program.

(b) The following definitions apply to all Title IV, HEA programs:

*Campus-based programs:* (1) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 674);

(2) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 675); and

(3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 676).

*Defense loan:* A loan made before July 1, 1972, under Title II of the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

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*Dependent student:* Any student who does not qualify as an independent student (see *Independent student*).

*Designated department official:* An official of the Department of Education to