

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY**

**Grant and Scholarship Programs  
Tuition Aid Grant Programs**

**Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 9A:9-3.6**

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 Filed: November 4, 2024, as R.2024 d.116, **without change**.  
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**Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:**  
 The comment period ended on August 16, 2024. **The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority received no comments.**

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required as the adopted new rule is not intended to implement, comply with, or participate in any program established pursuant to Federal law or a State law that incorporates or refers to Federal law, standards, or requirements.

**Full text** of the adopted new rule follows:

**SUBCHAPTER 3. TUITION AID GRANT PROGRAMS**

**9A:9-3.6 Summer tuition aid grants**

(a) Summer tuition aid grants shall be applied toward the student's tuition costs outside of the academic year, as "academic year" is defined at N.J.S.A. 18A:71B-4. The receipt of a summer tuition aid grant shall not reduce the amount of a tuition aid grant awarded to the student during the academic year.

(b) An eligible student shall:

1. Be enrolled for six or more credits in the summer term;
2. Be enrolled in courses leading to an undergraduate degree at the same institution at which the student was enrolled during the student's most recent semester of enrollment in the preceding academic year;
3. Be enrolled in courses for which the credits may be applied toward the student's graduation or academic major requirements; and
4. Have received a tuition aid grant award in the preceding academic year.

(c) An eligible student enrolled in a summer term with six to eight credits shall receive one-half of the value of a full-time tuition aid grant semester award, and an eligible student enrolled with nine to 11 credits shall receive three-quarters of a full-time tuition aid grant semester award.

(d) Summer tuition aid grant payments to eligible students shall not be included when determining the maximum number of semester payments for tuition aid grant awards for which students are eligible.

(e) The provisions at N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2 shall apply to receiving summer tuition aid grants, except at N.J.A.C. 9A:9-2.11, Payments. As certified by the Authority, payments for eligible students will be made by the Department of the Treasury directly to institutions on behalf of student recipients. The Authority shall provide each institution the corresponding list of eligible students' accounts to be credited.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY**

**Student Loan and College Savings Programs  
Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program**

**Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 9A:10-4.1 through 4.5**

**Adopted Repeal: N.J.A.C. 9A:10-4.8**

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**Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:**  
 The comment period ended on August 16, 2024. **The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority received no comments.**

**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the adopted amendments and repeal are not subject to any Federal standards or requirements.

**Full text** of the adoption follows:

**SUBCHAPTER 4. NURSING FACULTY LOAN REDEMPTION PROGRAM**

**9A:10-4.1 Purpose and scope**

The rules established by this subchapter provide the policies and procedures for participation in the Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program administered by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. This Program is intended to address the current and projected critical shortage of nurses in the State by providing an incentive for individuals with advanced degrees to serve as teaching faculty for undergraduate nursing education programs in New Jersey. This Program provides redemption of eligible student loan expenses incurred by Program participants in exchange for full-time faculty or part-time faculty employment at a school of nursing in the State for a five-year period following completion of the approved graduate degree program.

**9A:10-4.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

...  
 "Full-time faculty employment" means employment with a teaching load of 24 or more academic credits over the course of an academic year.

...  
 "Part-time faculty employment" means employment with a minimum teaching load of three credits over the course of an academic year.

**9A:10-4.3 Eligibility requirements for Program participation**  
 (a) To be eligible for participation in the Program, an applicant must:

1. (No change.)
2. Have obtained a degree from an approved graduate degree program;
3. After being initially hired for full-time or part-time faculty employment at an eligible institution, maintained continuous full-time or part-time faculty employment at an eligible institution;  
 Recodify existing 5.-6. as 4.-5. (No change in text.)

**9A:10-4.4 Application procedures**

(a) In order to apply for participation in the Program, an applicant must complete a loan redemption program application and submit it to the Authority by the deadline the Authority posts on its website.

1. (No change.)