



Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid Census Policy

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Policy?

Who does
this
impact?

What's
Changing?

Why?

What is a Financial Aid Census Date?

The Census Date is the point at which enrollment is locked for financial aid purposes. Each term, the census coincides with the last date a student can drop classes for a full tuition refund.

At this point in the term, credits are locked and financial aid for the term is adjusted to reflect the student's official enrolled credits.

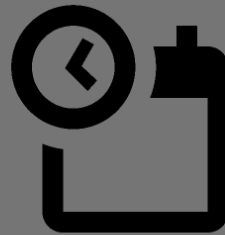


**When is
our Census
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The Financial Aid Census Date (FACD) will be on the **second Sunday after the start of the term.**

The disbursement process will occur **no earlier than the first day of class after the FACD** for the term. Refunds will begin disbursing on the last business day of the third week and then weekly thereafter.





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What is changing?

- Disbursement process will occur no earlier than the first day of class after the Financial Aid Census Date (FACD) for the term.
- This includes federal, state and institutional funds.
- Financial aid disbursements will be based on the degree eligible credits students are registered for on the census date.



**2020-21
Dates**

Schedule of Payment for 2020-2021

Term	Start Date	Census Date	Refund Date
Summer 2020	6/22/2020	7/6/2020	7/9/2020
Fall 2020	9/28/2020	10/12/2020	10/16/2020
Winter 2021	1/4/2021	1/18/2021	1/22/2021
Spring 2021	3/29/2021	4/12/2021	4/16/2021



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Why do we need a FACD?

- Reduce needed resources
- Eliminate Forms
- Plan Schedule
- Aid calculated on actual enrollment
- Best practice
- Bookstore
- Fraud prevention



Reduce:

- Paperwork
 - Eliminate Change in Aid form
 - 2019-20; students have turned in over 1,000 Change in Aid forms
- Processing time
 - Manual processing of Change in Aid forms will no longer be required
- Identity Theft
 - Red Flags team identified approximately 50 files that were fraudulent
 - Fraud rings look for schools that provide funding prior to the term beginning



Financial Aid

- Aid offer is based on anticipated full-time enrollment
- Allows for students to plan their schedules
- Allows students to add and drop classes during the first two weeks without an impact on their aid
- Student receives aid on actual enrollment
- Best practices for the college; of the 17 community colleges in Oregon, 15 colleges have a census date in place
- Allows students to fully withdraw within the first two weeks without having to repay aid



Bookstore Charges

- One week prior to the term starting to the **Friday of the second week** of the term, students with financial aid in place (awarded and accepted) can charge textbooks to their account at the CCC bookstore
- Short term book loans are still available for students that have applied for aid but have not been awarded



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What are the impacts of this new policy?

Changes are effective for the 2020-2021 academic year, starting with Summer 2020.



Students

- Financial Aid offer is prepared based on anticipated full-time enrollment
- If actual attendance is less than full-time, aid will be adjusted accordingly
- Disbursements will occur beginning the 3rd week of the term, with refunds issued at the end of the 3rd week

Accounts Receivable

- Students must have Financial Aid eligibility in order to utilize bookstore charging
- Bookstore charges will be placed on student account
- Credit balance refunds occur on the last business day of the week in which a disbursement was made

Financial Aid

- Pell eligible students who wish to have late starting courses included in their enrollment status must have registered for those courses by the FACD
- Satisfactory Academic Progress completion rate will be determined as of the FACD

Exceptions



FACD Appeal Process

- Exceptions may be made under limited circumstances
- Students will need to complete form (currently under construction) and provide documentation if requested



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