

Part 686 - Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, Subpart A:

Proposed regulations

Add to 686.2(d) Definitions:

High-Quality Teacher Preparation Program: A teacher preparation program that is determined by the State to be an [effective or] exceptional teacher preparation program based on that State's analysis of the criteria in §612.5 and that is reported as [effective or] exceptional in the State report card under §612.4.

**Proposed Amendments to the following definitions:**

TEACH Grant-eligible institution: An eligible institution as defined in 34 CFR part 600 that meets financial responsibility standards established in 34 CFR part 668, subpart L, or that qualifies under an alternative standard in 34 CFR 668.175 and--

(1) Provides at least one high-quality teacher preparation program at the baccalaureate or master's degree level that also provides supervision and support services to teachers, or assists in the provision of services to teachers, such as--

(A) Identifying and making available information on effective teaching skills or strategies;

(B) Identifying and making available information on effective practices in the supervision and coaching of novice teachers; and

(C) Mentoring focused on developing effective teaching skills and strategies;

(2) Provides a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit in a TEACH Grant-eligible program offered by an institution described in paragraph (1) of this definition, as demonstrated by the institutions; or

(3) Provides a post-baccalaureate program of study.

TEACH Grant-eligible program: An eligible program, as defined in 34 CFR 668.8, that is a high-quality teacher preparation program that is designed to prepare an individual to teach as a highly-qualified teacher in a high-need field and leads to a baccalaureate or master's degree, or is a post-baccalaureate program of study. A two-year program of study that is acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate degree in a high-quality teacher preparation program is considered to be a program of study that leads to a baccalaureate degree.

Teacher preparation program: A State-approved course of study, the completion of which signifies that an enrollee has met all

the State's educational or training requirements for initial certification or licensure to teach in the State's elementary or secondary schools. A teacher preparation program may be a traditional program or an alternative route to certification, as defined by the State. For purposes of a TEACH Grant, the program must be provided by an institution of higher education.

**Grandfathering language:**

Add §686.3(c) to read as follows:

§ 686.3 Duration of student eligibility.

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(c) An otherwise eligible student who received a TEACH Grant for enrollment in a TEACH Grant-eligible program before [July 1 of effective date year] is eligible to receive additional TEACH Grants to complete that program, even if that program is no longer considered a TEACH Grant-eligible program, not to exceed four Scheduled Awards for an undergraduate or post-baccalaureate student and up to two Scheduled Awards for a graduate student.