

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 [appointment as such, and occupying a full-time faculty position with academic rank or other equivalent title whose primary employment is directly related to teaching, research and/or other aspects of the educational programs of institutions] **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.**  
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9A:10-4.3 Eligibility requirements for [program] **Program** participation

(a) To be eligible for participation in the [program] **Program**, an applicant must:

1. (No change.)
2. Have obtained a degree from an approved graduate degree program [within a one-year period prior to commencing full-time faculty employment at an eligible institution];
- [3. Have been initially hired for full-time faculty employment at an eligible institution on or after January 16, 2010, which is the date of program enactment;]
- [4.] **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] **Program**, an applicant must complete a loan redemption program application and submit it to the [Student Loan Office postmarked on or after July 1 of the year for which the applicant is applying] **Authority by the deadline the Authority posts on its website.**

1. (No change.)
2. Inclusive within the [program] **Program** application, an applicant must also have his or her employer, or potential employer, certify the applicant’s start date for [full-time] faculty employment at an eligible institution before submitting the application to the [Student Loan Office] **Authority.**
3. (No change.)

(b) The Authority will consider applications for approval of [program] **Program** participation [in the date order they are received] **from among those applicants who meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 9A:10-4.3,** subject to available funding.

[(c) The Authority will determine the applicant’s eligibility for the program based upon the information submitted and will provide notification to the applicant of his or her acceptance into the program.]

**(c) In the event there are insufficient funds to select all of the applicants who meet the eligibility criteria, the Authority will rank all of the applications received during the application submission period using predetermined scoring evaluation criteria. The scoring evaluation criteria will be posted on the Authority’s website no later than one month prior to the date on which applications will be available online each year.**

9A:10-4.5 Terms for loan redemption

- (a) (No change.)
- (b) For each year of full-time faculty employment at an eligible institution, loan redemption shall not exceed [the following amounts] **\$10,000** of principal and interest of eligible student loan expenses[: first year: \$ 5,000; second year: \$ 7,000; third year: \$ 10,000; fourth year: \$ 13,000; and fifth year: \$ 15,000]. The total loan redemption amount for a [program] **Program** participant shall not exceed \$50,000. No amount of loan redemption shall be provided for service performed for less than a

full year. Loan redemption will be applied first to outstanding State loans and then to outstanding Federal loans.

**(c) For each year of part-time faculty employment at an eligible institution, loan redemption shall not exceed \$5,000 of principal and interest of eligible student loan expenses for teaching three to 17 credits per year and shall not exceed \$8,000 of principal and interest of eligible student loan expenses for teaching 18 to 23 credits per year.**

[1.] **(d)** (No change in text.)

[(c)] **(e)** In order to continue eligibility for loan redemption under the [program] **Program**, a participant must submit certification, prior to the annual redemption of loan indebtedness, of his or her continuous employment as a full-time **or part-time** faculty member at an eligible institution to the [Student Loan Office] **Authority.** A participant may change employment to another eligible institution, as long as he or she remains continuously employed as a full-time **or part-time** faculty member at an eligible institution.

9A:10-4.8 [Waiting list for eligible applicants if program funds are exhausted] **(Reserved)**

[(a) In the event program funds are exhausted in a given fiscal year, eligible applicants will be placed on a waiting list for loan redemption in the date order in which the Authority received their applications.

1. The number of people on the waiting list will be limited to an amount equal to the number of participants newly funded in that fiscal year. Applicants who are not accepted into the program, or onto the waiting list, may reapply the following fiscal year.

(b) If program funds become available in a given fiscal year, the next eligible applicant on the waiting list will be notified of the availability of said funds and his or her potential eligibility for program participation.

(c) If program funds do not become available in a given fiscal year, eligible applicants on the waiting list will carry over to the next fiscal year for potential eligibility for program participation, subject to program funding.

(d) While an applicant may change employment to another eligible institution, he or she must be continuously employed as a full-time faculty member at an eligible institution to remain on the waiting list.

(e) When an eligible applicant on the waiting list is notified of his or her potential eligibility for program participation, the applicant shall submit certification of continuous employment as a full-time faculty member at an eligible institution to the Student Loan Office.]

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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program Part-Time Students**

**Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.9**

Authorized By: Educational Opportunity Fund Board of Directors, Dr. Hasani Carter, EOF Executive Director.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:71-28 et seq., and 18A:71-33 through 36.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2024-076.

Submit written comments by August 16, 2024, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

**Summary**

The Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program provides students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds with financial aid and other support services while attending participating New

Jersey colleges and universities. The program is a collaborative effort. Pursuant to the general supervision of the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the EOF Board of Directors (EOF Board) administers the program, and the participating institutions directly serve students.

Working with participating institutions, the EOF Board maintains a Statewide system to identify and recruit potential college students from backgrounds of historical poverty, develops eligibility criteria for EOF financial assistance based on students' income, assets, and their potential for success in college; establishes procedures to determine the amount of the academic year grants according to the total financial need of each student; and advises on the development, organization, and coordination of a wide range of educational support and enrichment activities.

Within Subchapter 2, the following language is being proposed for amendment within the EOF rules. The following sentence is being proposed for deletion from N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.9(c), "... Eligibility for part-time grants shall be limited to: 1. Renewal students with at least one full-time semester of EOF Academic Year Article III grant funding; or 2. First-time, part-time entering students with no prior college experience."

The proposed amendment was developed with the support of the EOF campus programs and is intended to expand EOF eligibility consideration for students and to provide greater flexibility for support for program participants.

As the EOF Board of Directors has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

**Social Impact**

The proposed amendment should have no adverse social impact. The proposed amendment will create greater flexibility for EOF campus programs to enhance the quality of higher education support students may receive, clarify standards to make compliance more effective, and in specific instances, will help improve higher education outcomes in New Jersey.

**Economic Impact**

The proposed amendment should have no adverse direct economic impact on New Jersey or the State's higher education institutions. The proposed amendment is intended to create a greater level of flexibility for participating institutions to help provide the appropriate support for their respective students and staff.

**Federal Standards Statement**

The proposed amendment does not require a Federal standards analysis pursuant to Executive Order No. 27 (1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-22 et seq., because the EOF was established pursuant to New Jersey legislation, is wholly supported by State appropriations, and is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

**Jobs Impact**

The proposed amendment will not result in the generation or loss of any jobs.

**Agriculture Industry Impact**

The proposed amendment have no impact on the agriculture industry.

**Regulatory Flexibility Statement**

A regulatory flexibility analysis is not required because the proposed amendment to the rules does not impose reporting, recordkeeping, or compliance requirements on small businesses as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq. The proposed amendment to the rules pertain strictly to public and publicly funded independent colleges and universities in New Jersey, none of which qualify as a small business as they employ more than 100 employees.

**Housing Affordability Impact Analysis**

The proposed amendment does not require a housing affordability analysis as there is an extreme unlikelihood that the proposed amendment would evoke a change on the affordability of housing or in the average costs of housing because the proposed amendment only pertains to expanding the eligibility consideration for students to participate in the Educational Opportunity Fund.

**Smart Growth Development Impact Analysis**

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education staff believes there is an extreme unlikelihood that the proposed amendment would evoke a change in housing production in Planning Areas 1 or 2, or within designated centers, pursuant to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan because the proposed amendment only pertains to expanding the eligibility for students to be considered for participation in the Educational Opportunity Fund program.

**Racial and Ethnic Community Criminal Justice and Public Safety Impact**

The EOF Board of Directors has evaluated this rulemaking and determined that it will not have an impact on pretrial detention, sentencing, probation, or parole policies concerning adults and juveniles in the State. Accordingly, no further analysis is required.

**Full text** of the proposal follows (addition indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 2. UNDERGRADUATE EOF ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

9A:11-2.9 Part-time students

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) Eligible students shall be advised by institutional EOF staff to pursue part-time enrollment and shall enroll for at least six credits, matriculate in a certificate or degree program, and maintain minimum standards of academic progress as determined by the institution in the context of the provisions [of] at N.J.A.C. 9A:11-2.13. [Eligibility for part-time grants shall be limited to:

1. Renewal students with at least one full-time semester of EOF Academic Year Article III grant funding; or

2. First-time, part-time entering students with no prior college experience.]

(d)-(f) (No change.)

**LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Credit-Hour Requirements; Implicit and Explicit Bias  
Training**

**Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:35-2B.8**

Authorized By: Board of Medical Examiners, Antonia Winstead, Executive Director.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:9-27.26; and P.L. 2021, c. 79.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to calendar requirement.

Proposal Number: PRN 2024-077.

Submit written comments by August 16, 2024, to:

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The agency proposal follows:

**Summary**

The State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), as recommended by the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (Committee) is proposing to amend its rules to implement P.L. 2021, c. 79. New Jersey has high rates of maternal and infant mortality and wide racial disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes. P.L. 2021, c. 79, mandates that the Board