

To: Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program Grantees
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Subject: Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program Modification

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has been monitoring and supporting your efforts to provide emergency educational support to postsecondary students in Texas through the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program. In that spirit, we made two sets of modifications to program guidelines in July and October 2021.

In consideration of the grant reporting that has been submitted over the past several months, we have made the determination that to support more students with Reskilling funding, we must provide an expansion of the RFA student eligibility requirements.

In all versions of the Reskilling RFA, Section 5.2, one of the eligibility requirements states that students must:

Have not been enrolled in an accredited postsecondary institution in the previous academic (long) semester or previous six months.

After reviewing that provision, it became evident to the Coordinating Board that the definition should be expanded to include all Texans who are looking to enroll and who meet the minimum eligibility requirements. This approach opens the door to newly enrolling students who otherwise meet the criteria specified in RFA Section 5.2.

This modification will be in effect retroactively as of January 1, 2022 for all three rounds of Reskilling grantees. This will allow you to re-package or grant new funding to eligible students enrolling in Spring 2022 semester/terms.

The official notification of this modification will be as follows. Each grantee institution will be receiving a Federal NOGA Amendment Form by email in short order. We are requesting you return the signed NOGA (the signature may be electronic) as soon as possible. THECB's signatures on the Federal NOGA Amendment that you have signed creates an executed modification.

As always, you have our deep appreciation of all work you are doing on behalf of the postsecondary students of Texas.