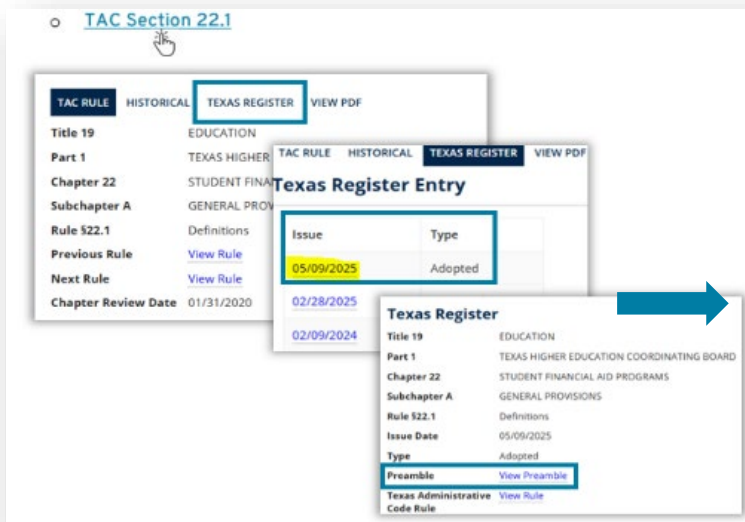


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Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule Changes

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Financial Planning – Chapter 13

Subchapter G

Cost of Attendance Calculation for Competency-Based Baccalaureate Degree

Programs: This new section provides for the annual determination and publication of the maximum allowable cost of attendance for competency-based baccalaureate degree programs offered under Texas Education Code, §51.3535.

- [TAC Section 13.130](#) **NEW**

Subchapter Q

Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) Formula Funding: This amendment revises rules related to the process by which institutions of higher education receive funding through the FAST program, shifting the program from a reimbursement model to a system resembling formula funding.

- [TAC Section 13.505](#)

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Student Financial Aid Programs – Chapter 22

Subchapter A

Institutional Responsibilities: This amendment codifies the institutional responsibility to designate a Disbursing Officer for state financial aid programs.

- [TAC Section 22.9](#)

Subchapter B

Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG): These amendments clarify existing practices involving program administration and satisfactory academic progress determinations and codify a reporting requirement for institutions participating in the program.

- [TAC Section 22.22](#)
- [TAC Section 22.23](#)
- [TAC Section 22.25](#)

Subchapter L

Toward EXcellence, Access, and Success (TEXAS) Grant: These amendments and new section incorporate eligibility for students who received a nontraditional secondary education (from HB 3041, 89th Legislature), implement heightened priority status for students who graduated in the top 25 percent of their high school graduating class and who qualify for TEXAS Grants via the TEOG pathway (from General Appropriations Act, SB 1, 89th Legislature), and revise allocation methodologies to account for these changes in priority, among other nonsubstantive changes.

- [TAC Section 22.226](#)
- [TAC Section 22.233](#)
- [TAC Section 22.234](#)
- [TAC Section 22.235](#) **NEW**
- [TAC Section 22.236](#)
- [TAC Section 22.241](#)

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Education Loan Repayment Programs – Chapter 23

Subchapter C

Physician Education Loan Repayment Assistance: This amendment added a definition of “outpatient setting” to clarify eligibility requirements for primary care physicians and updated applicant prioritization language for consistency with similar provisions throughout Chapter 23.

- [TAC Section 23.65](#)
- [TAC Section 23.67](#)

Subchapter D

Mental Health Professionals Loan Repayment Assistance: These amendments allowed for the consideration of program applicants who provide mental health services through telehealth (beginning in 2027) and clarified applicant eligibility requirements.

- [TAC Section 23.94](#)
- [TAC Section 23.96](#)
- [TAC Section 23.97](#)
- [TAC Section 23.100](#)

Subchapter K

Nurse Loan Repayment Assistance: This amendment updated definitions, expanded program eligibility considerations to include eligible nurses providing services through telehealth (beginning in 2027), and made minor revisions to align applicant prioritization provisions throughout the rule.

- [TAC Section 23.301](#)

Student Loan Programs – Chapter 24

Subchapter A

Definitions: This amendment clarifies that the definition of “manageable debt” applies as a general concept that may be calculated for any student, as well as providing additional detail relating to the timing and method by which manageable debt levels are calculated.

- [TAC Section 24.1](#)

Subchapter D

Loan Amount and Interest Rates: This amendment extends aggregate debt limits to students enrolled in master’s degree programs, extending the application of the manageable debt calculation to these students.

- [TAC Section 24.45](#)