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TO: Directors of Financial Aid
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RE: REMINDER: Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) - Return of Funds
and Interest

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is responsible for distributing Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding to support institutions across the state of Texas. Any interest earned on GEER funds must be remitted by the institution back to the THECB after all funds have been expended, per the Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA) under CDFA 84.425C.

As a reminder, institutions are **required** to use the [GEER Return of Funds Form](#) (RFF) when sending back both funds and interest. All sections on the RFF and the "Detailed Refund Explanation" need to be completed. While grant and interest refunds are reported together on the RFF, they have to be returned separately to the THECB.

The GEER RFF **has been modified** and can be found on the Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) webpage under [GEER](#). Institutions should discard prior versions to avoid confusion. The following changes have been made to the GEER RFF:

- Added GEER – Reskilling Support Fund Grant (PCA #32506).
- Added GEER – Open Educational Resources (PCA #32507).
- Removed Recurring Transaction Index (RTI) information (for public universities) which is now included on the revised [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\) Instructions](#).

For questions, please call Financial Aid Services at 844-792-2640 or [CONTACT US](#) (select "Financial Aid Question" as the Contact Reason).