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Memorandum

To: Public and Private/Independent Institutions of Higher Education
From: DeChà Reid
Director III, Student Financial Aid Programs (SFAP) Operations
Date: April 4, 2024
Subject: Student Aid Index (SAI) Clarification for State Financial Aid

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has received several inquiries from institutions seeking clarification on whether the new Student Aid Index (SAI) can be prorated for state financial aid. The ability to prorate enrollment periods for federal aid was eliminated as part of the transition from Expected Family Contribution to SAI under the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#).

The use of the SAI in determining state financial aid is covered under [Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Section 22.1\(14\)](#), which defines “Expected Family Contribution (EFC)” as “a measure utilized to calculate a student's financial need as regulated and defined by the methodology used for federal student financial aid.” Since the regulations and definitions of the federal methodology apply to both federal and state financial aid, the SAI cannot be pro-rated for state aid purposes.

An exception code(s) will be provided for institutions to report issues related to SAI on the Financial Aid Database (FAD).

For questions, please call 844-792-2640 or submit an online inquiry through [CONTACT US](#) (select “Financial Aid Question” for the Contact Reason).