

**TITLE 610. STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
CHAPTER 25. STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 31. Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant

610:25-31-3. Eligibility Requirements [AMENDED]

610:25-31-5. Refunds and institutional liability [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

One of the proposed rule revisions is due to an amendment to the Oklahoma Tuition Equalization Grant (OTEG) statutes in Senate Bill 414 of the 2015 Oklahoma legislative session. The amendment was necessary to comply with the United States Department of Education (USDE) “state authorization” regulations that went into effect on July 1, 2015. For a postsecondary institution to be eligible to participate in federal student financial aid programs, the federal regulations require the institution to have certain types of state oversight and approvals. One requirement is that each state must have a process to review and act appropriately upon complaints concerning the institution. To comply with this provision, the rule revision reflects the new statutory language in SB 414 directing OTEG-eligible institutions to adhere to the complaint process administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

The second policy revision corrects wording related to the \$50,000 family income limit to be consistent with the existing statutory language.

AUTHORITY:

70 O.S. §§ 2630-2632; 70 O.S. §3206(i); Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

COMMENT PERIOD:

Interested persons may submit written and oral comments to David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104, by 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, one can be requested by contacting David B. Harting, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 by 5:00 p.m., November 16, 2015.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Copies of the rule impact statement may be obtained at the Office of the Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK, 73104 on and after October 30, 2015.

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