

2021-22 MAP Mid-Year Recompute Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are colleges required to notify students of the increase in their 2021-22 MAP award amount for the Spring Term or Second and Third Quarters?

- A. Yes. [MAP rules](#) specify that schools must announce changes to MAP eligibility that occurs throughout the award year.
- *From Section 2735.40 Institutional Procedures -- h) The institution shall announce MAP eligibility, including the estimated award amount, using ISAC-provided award notification language. The institution shall also provide notification to affected students of any change in award eligibility that may occur during the academic year.*

Q. Are colleges required to send out or include another copy of the ISAC-required MAP Award Notification Language when colleges notify students of the increase?

A. No. Colleges are not required to send out or include another copy of the MAP Award Notification Language if it has already been provided to the student for the 2021-22 award year.

Q. Can colleges make any adjustments to how MAP must be identified on the student's updated award letter to help identify the increased amount for Second Term/Second and Third Quarters?

A. When a MAP grant is included in a student's award letter, it must be identified as: **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**. The purpose of this requirement is to provide consistent communication to students about the source of the MAP grant award, regardless of the institution that the student is attending.

However, if colleges would find it helpful to explain the increase to Second and Third Term awards for the 2021-22 award year, it would be acceptable for colleges to add brief labeling or indicators after or in addition to **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)**. For example, it would be acceptable to add an asterisk and then include an explanation elsewhere on the award letter and/or student account, or add language after **State of IL MAP Grant (Est)** to clarify terms for the differing award amounts (e.g. Fall 2021/Spring 2022 or Term 1, Term 2, Term 3). Additionally, the increased amount can be listed as a separate item on the award letter as long as it is clearly identified as a MAP Grant.

Please note: This exception to how MAP may be identified on award letters is only for the 2021-22 award year to assist with student communication related to the Mid-Year Recompute of Second and Third Term award amounts. Colleges do not need to request approval from ISAC for alternative language or additional identifiers for this purpose. ISAC's Program Review Department is aware of the exception that is being allowed.

Q. If we have already certified a student for Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill) benefits, which is also specific to tuition and fees, which award should be adjusted so that aid does not exceed eligible tuition and fee costs?

A. It was brought to ISAC's attention that the increase in Second and Third Term MAP award amounts would have an impact on Chapter 33 benefits that have already been certified with the VA for these terms, and there were concerns about the potential impact that this could have on students. In response to that, ISAC had indicated that MAP could possibly be adjusted, rather than adjusting the Chapter 33 benefits, to avoid creating a debt situation for a student.

However, in the process of confirming that the guidance ISAC had planned to provide would not create adverse situations for students or schools, we learned that rules regarding VA overpayments for Chapter 33 had changed in 2021 and that the debt is no longer transferred to the student, which was ISAC's main concern. As a result of learning about this VA processing change, ISAC will not be providing any guidance specific to MAP and Chapter 33 benefits. Rather, colleges will need to make adjustments according to the VA's requirements for Chapter 33.

From the VA's [School Certifying Official's Handbook](#):

- **Effective January 5, 2021, section 1019 of Public Law 116-315** made schools financially liable, instead of the student, for payments directly paid to a school. Effective the date of enactment, tuition and fees or Yellow

Ribbon overpayments must be established and collected as school debts. Student overpayments, transactions should no longer be established for any tuition and fees or Yellow Ribbon payments made to schools.

- **A debt is established on a school when:**
 - The school submitted an amended enrollment certification, or an Amendment in VA- ONCE, and reported reduced tuition and fee charges, reduced Yellow Ribbon amount, or reduced both.

Resources on the administration of VA benefits, including Chapter 33, can be found at: va.gov/school-administrators/.

Q. What are the MAP rules regarding overawarding?

A. From the [MAP Administrative Rules](#), Section 2735.40 Institutional Procedures:

- *c) If a MAP recipient receives other assistance targeted specifically for tuition and fees, the combined assistance shall not exceed the total tuition and fee expenses incurred.*
- *g) Notwithstanding the provisions of other ISAC-administered programs, the total amount of a student's gift assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance. Any excess gift assistance is considered an overaward and the institution of higher learning is required to reduce the MAP award and/or other gift assistance to prevent such an overaward. For the purposes of this calculation, federal veterans benefits are not counted as gift assistance.*

For ED’s guidance on overawarding, see the 2021-22 FSA Handbook:

- Volume 3 - Calculating Awards & Packaging, Chapter 7 – Packaging Aid, Treatment of Overawards
 - fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/2122FSAHbkVol3Master.pdf
- Volume 4 – Processing Aid and Managing FSA Funds, Chapter 3 – Overawards and Overpayments
 - fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2021-08/2122FSAHbkVol4Master.pdf

For the VA’s guidance on overawarding, see the SCO Handbook at va.gov/school-administrators/.

Q. Was it a consideration to expand the number of eligible students instead of increasing the amount for already awarded students?

A. Yes, in addition to increasing second and third term awards, all student records have been released from suspended status in the MAP system, and there is not a suspense date in place for the 2021-22 award year.

Q. If we have already received a voucher for spring term claims, will we receive a second voucher for the increase?

A. Yes. For all schools that had payment claims reprocessed, a Payment Results/Exceptions Report was generated and it will include an invoice number and the amount due to the school as a result of the increases. Payments will be made to colleges through the usual offset process. Additionally, ISAC generated a Cumulative Payment Results Report for each MAP-approved school immediately prior to the reprocessing of records and immediately after completing the process.

Status	Report Type	Date	File Size(kb)	User Name
Completed	MAP Cumulative Payment Results	04/11/2022	144.8	ISAC
Completed	Payment Results/exceptions	04/08/2022	93.03	MAPInvoice
Completed	MAP Cumulative Payment Results	04/08/2022	144.8	ISAC

Q. How will this work for students who withdrew but earned 100% of their original MAP award prior to withdrawal? Will this be treated as a post withdrawal disbursement or will we have to return the increased funds to ISAC?

A. For students who may have withdrawn in a Second or Third Term of the 2021-22 award year but were eligible and entitled to receive their full MAP award based on incurred charges, they would be eligible to receive the additional award amount.

Q. Is the increased amount per student prorated based on the number of hours in which the student is enrolled?

A. Yes. Following are charts showing the increased MAP award amounts for various enrollment levels. These amounts are based on a student who was eligible for the maximum annual award amount of \$5,496 and is now eligible for the maximum award amount of \$5,661. Students at semester schools received a 6% increase in Second Term and students at quarter schools received a 4.5% increase per term.

For a “cents” semester school:

Credit hours	Term 1 award	Pre reprocessing term 2 award	Post reprocessing term 2 award	Difference
3	\$549.60	\$549.60	\$582.60	\$33.00
4	\$732.80	\$732.80	\$776.80	\$44.00
5	\$916.00	\$916.00	\$971.00	\$55.00
6	\$1,099.20	\$1,099.20	\$1,165.20	\$66.00
7	\$1,282.40	\$1,282.40	\$1,359.40	\$77.00
8	\$1,465.60	\$1,465.60	\$1,553.60	\$88.00
9	\$1,648.80	\$1,648.80	\$1,747.80	\$99.00
10	\$1,832.00	\$1,832.00	\$1,942.00	\$110.00
11	\$2,015.20	\$2,015.20	\$2,136.20	\$121.00
12	\$2,198.40	\$2,198.40	\$2,330.40	\$132.00
13	\$2,381.60	\$2,381.60	\$2,524.60	\$143.00
14	\$2,564.80	\$2,564.80	\$2,718.80	\$154.00
15	\$2,748.00	\$2,748.00	\$2,913.00	\$165.00

For a “no cents” semester school:

Credit hours	Term 1 award	Pre reprocessing term 2 award	Post reprocessing term 2 award	Difference
3	\$549	\$550	\$582	\$32
4	\$732	\$733	\$776	\$43
5	\$916	\$916	\$971	\$55
6	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,165	\$66
7	\$1,282	\$1,282	\$1,359	\$77
8	\$1,465	\$1,466	\$1,553	\$87
9	\$1,648	\$1,649	\$1,747	\$98
10	\$1,832	\$1,832	\$1,942	\$110
11	\$2,015	\$2,015	\$2,136	\$121
12	\$2,198	\$2,198	\$2,330	\$132
13	\$2,381	\$2,382	\$2,524	\$142
14	\$2,564	\$2,565	\$2,718	\$153
15	\$2,748	\$2,748	\$2,913	\$165

For a quarter “no cents” school, with different columns for .66 and 3.3 factor schools:

Enrollment Hours At	Enrollment Hours At	MPCH	Term 1 award	Pre reprocessing term 2 award	Post reprocessing term 2 award	Term 2 Difference	Pre reprocessing term 3 award	Post reprocessing term 3 award	Term 3 Difference
.66 School	3.3 School								
4-5	1	3	\$549	\$549	\$574	\$25	\$550	\$574	\$24
6	1.1 - 1.3	4	\$732	\$733	\$765	\$32	\$733	\$766	\$33
7-8	1.4 - 1.6	5	\$916	\$916	\$957	\$41	\$916	\$957	\$41
9	1.7 - 1.9	6	\$1,099	\$1,099	\$1,148	\$49	\$1,099	\$1,149	\$50
10-11	2 - 2.2	7	\$1,282	\$1,282	\$1,339	\$57	\$1,283	\$1,340	\$57
12	2.3 - 2.5	8	\$1,465	\$1,465	\$1,531	\$66	\$1,466	\$1,532	\$66
13-14	2.6 - 2.8	9	\$1,648	\$1,649	\$1,722	\$73	\$1,649	\$1,723	\$74
15	≥ 2.9	10	\$1,832	\$1,832	\$1,914	\$82	\$1,832	\$1,915	\$83