

## Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (OFAS)

### Pell Recalculation Date (PRD)

A student's financial aid award is prepared based on anticipated full-time enrollment. If the student's actual attendance is less than that (e.g., half-time), their Pell Grant will be adjusted accordingly. In addition, Pima Community College (PCC) adjusts these awards each payment period, as required, based on the student's enrollment status as of the PRD for the payment period. Specifically, Pell Grant is determined by the student's enrollment status as of the PRD.

To ensure a student receives the maximum financial aid award they are eligible for, and to avoid having to reimburse funds already posted to their account, PCC students are **STRONGLY** encouraged to finalize their course schedule **BEFORE** the PRD.

- 202110 - 9/2/2020
- 202120 - 1/28/2021
- 202130 - 6/15/2021
- Nonstandard term programs (202141/202142/202143/202144) - Recalculate Pell Grant from the 1st day of the term until the last day of the term.

Federal financial aid eligibility is determined by, in part, the amount of eligible credit hours a student is registered for as of the PRD (enrollment status). Up until 7:00pm on the scheduled PRD a student's financial aid may be increased, decreased, or even cancelled if changes to enrollment are made.

**In most cases a student's enrollment status will be captured on the published PRD**

Students who are determined eligible and enrolled in courses at the PRD.

- If a student increases or decreases their credit load prior to the PRD, Pell Grant funds may be adjusted, as appropriate, to match the level of enrollment.
  - If a student's aid is reduced and creates a balance due to the college, the student will be responsible for payment.
- If a student is actively enrolled prior to the PRD and adds a course or courses after. Waitlisted courses are not considered actively enrolled.
  - The enrollment status used to determine Pell Grant eligibility will not be increased:
    - A student enrollment status is captured at half-time (6 credits) at the PRD. After the PRD the student adds a 3 credit course increasing his/her course load to 9 credits.
      - The enrollment status used to determine Pell Grant funds will not increase to  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time, however it will stay at half-time.
- If after the PRD a student drops/withdrawals from a course(s) without beginning attendance and then adds another course(s).
  - The enrollment status used to determine the student's Pell Grant will remain at the same level as captured on the PRD.
    - However, the student must begin attendance in all courses used to determine their enrollment status.
  - A student enrollment status is captured at half-time (6 credits) at the PRD. After the PRD the student drops a 3 credits class, but then adds another 3 credit course. The enrollment status used to determine Pell Grant funds will not decrease and will remain at half-time.
    - However, the course must meet the criteria of an eligible class
      - Counts in program of study
      - Needed in the student's program of study
      - Meets the repeat rule
      - Is an eligible remedial course

**In some cases a student's enrollment status may not be captured on the published PRD**

Students who are determined eligible and enrolled in courses after the PRD.

- An eligible student initially enrolls in courses after the published PRD.
  - The enrollment status for this student will be determined on the day the student registers for classes.
    - PCC recommends the student register for all coursework at the same time.
- An eligible student who was registered, but never begun attendance in any courses prior to the PRD, but re-registers after the PRD.
  - The enrollment status for this student will be determined on the day the student re-registers for classes.
    - This student never activated their PRD and will be calculated on the day the student registers for classes.
- An eligible student who registers and begins attendance in a course or courses prior to the PRD then withdraws, but re-enrolls after the PRD.
  - The enrollment status for this student will be determined based on their original capture (at the time of the withdrawal).
    - This student activated their PRD and can be only calculated at their original capture.

A student whose financial aid eligibility is determined after the published PRD, however the students are actively enrolled in courses in the payment period.

- The student's enrollment status will be determined at the time the student becomes eligible to receive federal financial aid.
  - This would include all verification and student eligibility requirements.