The Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance

Action Letter #2

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**2019-2020 Post-Withdrawal Eligibility for State Aid**

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Dear Colleague:

This Action Letter provides guidance to institutions vis-à-vis students’ eligibility for state financial aid programs, after they have withdrawn from the institution due to circumstances related to COVID-19, during the award year 2019-2020.

*During the academic year 2019-2020, a student may be eligible to receive assistance from Massachusetts state financial aid programs after having withdrawn from an institution due to circumstances related to COVID-19. The following conditions must be met for the post-withdrawal eligibility to be effective:*

1. *Student must have met the financial aid program’s requirements prior to their withdrawal from the institution.*
2. *Funding under the financial program must be available during the post-withdrawal period.*
3. *Disbursement must occur no later than June 30 of the 2019-2020 award year*

*Institutions are invited to contact the Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance at 617.391.6070, if they have any questions or need further clarification about the above policy.*

*Thank you,*

*Massachusetts Office of Student Financial Assistance*