

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Iowa Department of Education – Bureau of Iowa College Aid	Date:	12/19/2024	Total Rule Count:	2
IAC #:	283	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 20 and 29	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	256.178 and 256.210
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

Iowa residents, eligible institutions, and the Commission will benefit from the rulemaking since it clarifies the consistent processes by which Iowans will apply for and qualify for the grant, while also illustrating the duties of the eligible institutions, the Commission, and applicants in the administration of the grant.

In addition, the rulemaking ensures the integrity of the program through periodic compliance reviews and the application process for institutions to participate in the program.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

The benefit of the rule is achieved, as each of the processes and provisions intended to provide a benefit are illustrated within the rulemaking.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Since the application process is the same as that leveraged by other state scholarship/grant programs, there is no additional cost to the public to comply with the rule.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

Compliance reviews: Compliance reviews are performed at the institution-level, covering all state-funded financial aid programs in which the institution disburses funds. Since the review itself covers multiple programs, the College Student Aid Commission can't assign a direct cost to a specific program. Although, staff spend an estimated cumulative total of 40 hours on a compliance review for an institution; a fraction of which could be assigned to a specific program. Data obtained from institutions suggests that institutional staff spend under 10 hours collecting the required documents, transmitting them to the College Student Aid Commission, answering questions, responding to findings, and developing corrective action plans; again, a fraction of which could be assigned to an individual program.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

The costs justify the benefits achieved. The cost of inaction would be confusion in the process and criteria to be used in the application and awarding of funds under the program, as well as the potential for awarding errors and irregularities that would remain unchecked without periodic compliance reviews.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

The Commission proposes consolidating two chapters (Chapter 20 and Chapter 29) that have common and overlapping provisions.

The Commission has not identified a more cost effective alternative to the current internal process utilized for compliance reviews. Existing staff within the agency perform the compliance reviews, and the internal time commitment isn't such that outsourcing the compliance reviews would result in the elimination of agency staff – outsourcing would only lead to additional costs born to an external service provider.

In addition, the rule provides consistency related to general student eligibility criteria across all state financial aid programs, allowing for more efficient eligibility determinations and awarding of funds.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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20.1 – eliminated provisions that were duplicative of Iowa Code and eliminated obsolete language.
29.1 - obsolete

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

NA.

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

Item 1. Rescind and reserve 283-Chapter 29.

Item 2. Rescind 283-Chapter 20 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 20
IOWA NATIONAL GUARD BENEFITS PROGRAMS

283—20.1(256) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Eligible institution*” means the same as defined in 256.210(1).

“*Eligible master’s degree program of study*” means a master’s degree program in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics-related military occupational specialties or air force specialty codes pursuant to Iowa Code section 256.211(1)(a).

“*Federal active duty*” means military duty performed pursuant to orders issued under Title 10, United States Code (as of July 1, 2024), other than for training.

“*Full-time*” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(256).

“*Part-time*” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(256).

“*Program of study*” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(256).

“*Satisfactory academic progress*” means the same as defined in 283—10.2(256).

283—20.2(256) Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship.

20.2(1) Eligible Applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls full-time or part-time in a program of study at an eligible institution who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard; except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in section 256.210, meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

20.2(2) Awarding of funds.

a. *Selection criteria.* All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. *Maximum award and extent of award.* Eligible applicants may receive awards for no more than 120 semester credit hours attributable to the program of study, unless the applicant meets the provisions of section 256.210(3)(a)(2).

(1) The maximum award for full-time students will not exceed the undergraduate Iowa resident tuition rate at Iowa regent universities or the tuition charged to the eligible applicant, whichever is lower.

(2) All credit hours within a term of enrollment to which a scholarship is applied will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. *Awarding process.*

(1) The Iowa national guard will verify the eligibility of eligible applicants. An eligibility decision by the adjutant general is final.

(2) The commission will designate eligible applicants for awards and provide eligible institutions with rosters of designated eligible applicants.

(3) The commission will notify recipients and eligible institutions of the awards. Eligible institutions will notify the student of the award amount, the state program from which funding is being provided and stating that the award is contingent on the availability of state funds.

(4) Eligible institutions will apply awards to cover expenses identified in section 256.210(5).

(5) Eligible institutions will provide information about eligible applicants to the commission in a format specified by the commission. Eligible institutions will make necessary changes to awards due to a change in enrollment or financial situation, and promptly report those changes to the commission.

(6) Eligible institutions are responsible for completing necessary verification and for coordinating other aid to ensure compliance with student eligibility requirements and allowable award amounts. Eligible institutions will report changes in student eligibility to the commission.

(7) The commission will periodically investigate and review compliance of eligible institutions participating in this program with the criteria established in Iowa Code section 256.210 and this rule.

283—20.3(256) Iowa National Guard Master’s Degree Service Scholarship. In the event that the adjutant general authorizes the expenditure of unencumbered or unobligated funds from Iowa Code section 256.210(6) for the recruitment or retention of

individuals by providing a scholarship award to an eligible member of the Iowa national guard, this chapter will be used to administer authorized scholarships. The adjutant general will select program recipients and authorize scholarship awards under this chapter. The decision of the adjutant general is final.

20.3(1) Eligible Applicant. An eligible applicant is an Iowa resident, as determined by the adjutant general, who enrolls in an eligible program of study at an eligible institution who meets the award eligibility criteria approved by the adjutant general and the following provisions:

a. Completes the applications the Iowa national guard deems necessary on or before the date established by the Iowa national guard; except that an individual who was on federal active duty at the time of an application deadline will have 30 days to apply upon return to Iowa from active duty.

b. Meets the eligibility criteria in section 256.211(1)(a) and 256.211(3), meets satisfactory academic progress standards, and does not meet a condition in 283—subrule 10.3(1).

20.3(2) Awarding of funds.

a. Selection criteria. All eligible applicants will be considered for an award.

b. Maximum award and extent of award. Eligible applicants may receive awards for no more than 36 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, attributable to the eligible program of study.

(1). The maximum award will not exceed the Iowa resident graduate-level tuition rate at Iowa regent universities or the tuition charged to the eligible applicant, whichever is lower.

(2). All credit hours within a term of enrollment to which a scholarship is applied will be reported to the commission within the state-defined payment period.

c. Awarding process. The college student aid commission adopts the awarding process illustrated in 283—lettered paragraph 20.2(2)(c) with the following exception: In lieu of “Iowa Code section 256.210” in subparagraph (7), insert “Iowa Code section 256.211”.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 256.

***For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.**

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	1
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	634
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	11

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?