



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Dr. Curry,

You recently requested clarification regarding which rules pertain to eligibility and branch campuses. Specifically, Compton College was previously a branch campus, operating as El Camino College-Compton Community Educational Center (00119701). Effective June 17, 2019, Compton College (04281700) became a main campus or a free-standing institution. As such, Compton College will be able to apply for eligibility beginning in Fiscal Year 2022.

As described in the application materials that were published in *The Federal Register* (84 FR 54130) on October 09, 2019, and found on the Department of Education's (Department) website https://hepis.ed.gov/assets/pdf/Eligibility_2020_Application_Booklet.pdf, all institutions requesting designation as an eligible institution under Titles III, V, and VIII of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) must submit data to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems and Federal Student Aid in your institution's legal name during the base year. For FY 2020, the base year was 2017-18, which corresponds with the academic year immediately preceding the most recently completed academic year. During this period, Compton College (04281700) did not exist, but El Camino College-Compton Community Education Center (00119701) did. As such, Compton College (04281700) did not submit data as a main campus. Compton College will submit data to IPEDS under the 04281700 OPEID for the first time beginning in 2019-20. These data will be used as the base year in FY 2022.

Guidance regarding federal eligibility include 34 CFR 600.2, 600.4, 600.7, and 600.8, Section 312 of the HEA and 34 CFR 606.2, 606.5, 607.2 and 607.5 have the basic eligibility requirements for grant programs authorized under Titles III and V of the HEA.

Sincerely,

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