

Davis Technical College

Student Financial Aid - Ability to Benefit Policy

Effective Date: October 8, 2018

1. Purpose

1.1. The College has established guidelines for determining a student's ability to benefit from the use of federal funding as required by the Department of Education.

2. References

2.1. Federal Student Aid Handbook Volume 1

2.2. Code of Federal Regulations 668.32(e) Higher Education Act Section 484(d)(3)

2.3. Davis Technical College Financial Aid Policy Manual, Professional Judgment

2.4. Dear Colleague Letter GEN1509

3. Policy

3.1. Students enrolling in a post-secondary education program for the first-time after July 1, 2012, must possess a valid high school diploma or transcript from an accredited high school, General Education Development (GED), or certification that the student has completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting that is treated as a homeschool or private school under the student's home state law and has obtained a homeschool completion credential. If state law does not require a homeschool student to obtain a homeschool completion credential, the student has completed a secondary school education in a homeschool setting that qualifies as an exemption from compulsory school attendance requirements under state law.

3.2. All students with enrollment prior to July 1, 2012, must have a high school diploma, a GED or equivalent nationally recognized completion, to receive federal financial aid while attending Davis Technical College, or satisfactorily completed six credit or 225 clock hours toward a degree or certificate at a Title IV eligible school, or be self-certified as homeschooled.

3.3. Students are considered to be beyond the age of compulsory education if the State of Utah would not require the student to further attend secondary school or continue to be homeschooled.

4. Procedure

4.1. Effective July 1, 2012, all students submitting applications for Federal Financial Aid will be asked to provide documentation of their graduation status to the Financial Aid Office.

4.1.1. Students enrolling in a post-secondary education program for the first-time on or after July 1, 2012, must provide evidence of high school graduation from a valid accredited high school, GED, Military DD214, or meet the homeschooling requirements as described in section

3.1 of this policy.

4.1.2. For the purposes of validating high school completion through homeschooling, the student will provide a certificate of the homeschool program of study outlining the curriculum developed by the US Department of Education, and a notarized certificate of completion of the homeschool course of study.

4.1.3. Students enrolled in a Title IV eligible post-secondary program prior to July 1, 2012, can demonstrate Ability to Benefit by providing proof of high school graduation, GED, college transcripts, or meet the homeschooling requirements as described in section 3.1 of this policy.

4.2. Financial Aid Administrators can make an exception with documentation when a student can establish that documentation is impossible due to fire, natural disaster, or other personal circumstances that makes providing proof of graduation impossible (out of country, school closures, etc.).

5. Approval and Notes

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