

2012-2013 A+ Reimbursement Cap

The Missouri Department of Higher Education has set the A+ reimbursement caps for the 2012-2013 academic year at \$155 per credit hour and \$4.10 per clock hour. These revised caps are effective beginning with the summer 2012 term. They are based on the 2012-2013 standard per credit hour rate at Linn State Technical College. The clock hour conversion is based on the federal credit to clock hour conversion rate of 37.5 clock hours per credit hour, rounded to the nearest ten cents.

As a reminder, the calculation of the reimbursement cap should be made after the student's non-loan federal aid, primarily the Pell grant, has been applied to the student's tuition. The following steps walk through the cap calculation process.

- **Step 1: Calculate the amount of the student's reimbursement cap.** The cap is calculated by multiplying the number of credit or clock hours in the payment period by the amount of the cap (\$155 or \$4.10, respectively).
- **Step 2: Calculate the standard reimbursement amount.** The standard reimbursement calculation is made by adding tuition for the payment period and general fees, then subtracting Pell or other non-loan federal aid. Institutions that choose to handle withdrawn coursework by reducing the award amount for subsequent terms must also subtract the amount the student was ineligible to receive in a previous term due to withdrawn coursework. The result of this calculation is the standard award amount.
- **Step 3: Compare the calculated cap to the calculated standard reimbursement amount.** If the calculated standard reimbursement amount (Step 2) is less than the calculated cap (Step 1), the student is eligible to receive the full amount of the calculated reimbursement amount. If the calculated reimbursement amount is greater than the calculated cap, the student is eligible to receive the amount of the calculated cap.

The attached examples outline the cap calculation for both credit hour and clock hour institutions.

Institutions with programs affected by the cap may request a waiver of this requirement on a program by program basis by submitting a written request to the commissioner of higher education. The request should include at a minimum documentation of the program's high demand by students and employers, program outcomes (graduation rate, placement rate, licensure rate, etc.) and justification for the program's cost, particularly in relation to comparable programs offered at other types of A+ participating institutions.

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