

§ 116-209.19A. Limit semesters eligible for need-based grants and scholarships.

The Authority administers the following need-based grant and scholarship programs: the North Carolina Need-Based Scholarship for Public Colleges and Universities and Need-Based Scholarships for Students Attending Private Institutions of Higher Education. G.S. 116-209.82 and G.S. 116-281.1 limit the number of semesters that a student may receive a grant or scholarship from these programs and also provide the circumstances in which a waiver to those limits may be granted by the appropriate postsecondary institution. The Authority shall enforce these limitations in administering these programs so that unless a waiver is granted by the appropriate postsecondary institution, no student shall receive a grant or scholarship from any of those programs or any combination of those financial aid programs while pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate for more than any of the following time periods: (i) 10 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if enrolled part-time or (ii) 12 full-time academic semesters or its equivalent if the student is enrolled in a program officially designated as a five-year degree program.

A postsecondary institution that grants a waiver under G.S. 116-209.82 or G.S. 116-281.1 shall certify the granting of the waiver in a manner acceptable to the Authority and shall also maintain documentation substantiating the reason for the waiver. (2013-360, s. 11.15(g); 2021-180, s. 8A.2(f).)