



Pennsylvania Institute of Technology

FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

Federal law provides that a student who has been convicted of an offense under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving financial aid shall not be eligible to receive any federal or institutional grant, loan, or work assistance during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the ineligibility period specified in the following table.

If convicted of an offense involving:

Possession of a Controlled Substance	Ineligibility Period
First Offense	1 year from date of conviction
Second Offense	2 years from date of conviction
Third Offense	Indefinite from date of conviction
Sale of a Controlled Substance	Ineligibility Period
First Offense	2 years from date of conviction
Second Offense	Indefinite from date of conviction

Any student who becomes ineligible for federal or state aid due to a drug conviction will be notified of his or her loss of eligibility.

A student whose eligibility has been suspended based on a conviction for possession or sale of a controlled substance may resume eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period if:

- A. The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that:
 1. complies with the criteria prescribed in the federal regulations; and
 2. includes two unannounced drug tests; or
- B. The conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.