

AHEAD Negotiated Rulemaking | Similar Programs Gaining Eligibility
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Summary

Per discussion in committee and in caucus we collectively support this proposal to address gaming by defining substantially similar programs as those that share the same 4-digit CIP AND have ANY overlap in the CIPSOC crosswalk. This is a compromise between using 4-digit CIP only and the standard that the committee reached consensus on in the context of Workforce Pell.

Proposed Revision to § 668.604(b)(2)2

(2) An institution may not update its list of Direct Loan eligible programs to include a substantially similar program sharing both (i) the same four-digit CIP code, and (ii) *any overlapping* SOC codes according to the CIP SOC Crosswalk that is provided by a Federal agency, as a failing program that the institution voluntarily discontinued or became ineligible as described in § 668.603(c), at the same credential level that was subject to the two-year loss of eligibility under § 668.603(c), until that period expires.

(Emphasis added for clarity)