

Pell Recalculation Policy

Each term, the Office of Financial Aid will establish 1 Pell Recalculation Date (PRD), which is typically the 5th day of the term. Any changes to enrollment after this date will not change a student's calculated Pell award. Exceptions to this policy include when a student adds a class for the first time that semester (i.e., adds a mini-session class that starts later in the term as their initial enrollment), when a student fails to begin attendance in a class, or when the college receives an initial FAFSA for the student. In these cases, Pell must be recalculated. This policy only applies to Pell Grant funds.

For example, if a student begins fall term on August in 6 credit hours and in October decides to add a class for the mini session that begins in October, the student will not receive additional Pell funds for the October class. The student is only eligible for the Pell funds calculated on the 6 hours of enrollment on the 5th day of the term. This policy is Effective Spring 2022.

Spring 2022 Semester Example:

Classes Begin: 1/5/2022

Classes End: 4/26/2022

PRD 1: 1/10/2022 (5th Day of the term for T1 & T2)

Classes Begin for T3: 3/7/2022

Scenario 1:

After spring enrollment opens, "Student A" initially registers for 9 credit hours. 6 credits in Term 1 and 3 credits in Term 3 **BEFORE** the 1/10/2022 PRD. "Student A" Pell Grant **WILL** be disbursed at 9 credit hours.

Scenario 2:

After spring enrollment opens, "Student A" initially registers for 6 credit hours for Term 1. **AFTER** the 1/10/2022 PRD, "Student A" decides to register for a 3-credit hour Term 3 class that starts in October. "Student A" Pell **WILL NOT** be recalculated at 9 credit hours because the established 1/10/2022 PRD has passed.

Scenario 3:

After spring enrollment opens, "Student A" initially registers for 9 credit hours for Term 3 ONLY. "Student A" Pell Grant **WILL** be disbursed at 9 credit hours because Term 3 is his initial term of enrollment.

Scenario 4:

After spring enrollment opens, "Student A" initially registers for 9 credit hours for Term 2, then adds a 3 credit hours course on 1/10/2022 for Term 3 for a total of 12 credit hours. On 1/16/2022, Atlanta Technical College receives the student's initial (official) FAFSA. "Student A" **WILL** receive Pell Grant based on current hours of enrollment (12 credit hours) as the college received the student's initial FAFSA **AFTER** the 1/10/2022 PRD.

Scenario 5:

"Student A" initially registers for 9 credit hours for Term 1. "Student A" **WITHDRAWS** from one 3 credit hour course **BEFORE** the 1/10/2022 PRD. "Student A" Pell Grant **MUST BE REDUCED** to 6 credit hours.

Withdrawals Prior to PRD

Students who withdraw from one or more classes **PRIOR TO** the scheduled PRD will have their Pell Grant awards recalculated.

Federal Student Aid Handbook Reference:

[FSA Handbook Volume 3, Chapter 3, Calculating Pell and Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grant](#)
[Federal Student Aid Conference Birds of A Feather Session](#)