## STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS: SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education proposes to change regulations relating to the Alaska state financial aid programs

This supplemental notice includes information on how to submit written questions during the comment period and notification that a copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20 Chapter 15 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with regulation of the Alaska state financial aid programs (AS 14.43), including the following:

- Update federal poverty guidelines (15.915); and
- General housekeeping and conforming changes

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Executive Director of ACPE, P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505, or <u>ACPE.ExecDirector@Alaska.gov</u>. Comments received are a public record. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 28, 2015. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Rochelle Rogers at 907-465-6718 no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 14, 2015, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to the Executive Director of ACPE. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. ACPE will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available on the agency's web site at <a href="www.acpe.alaska.gov">www.acpe.alaska.gov</a> and Alaska's Online Public Notice System. ACPE may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes contact Rochelle Rogers at ACPE, P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505, or call (907) 465-6718, or go to Public Notice on the agency's web site at <a href="https://www.acpe.alaska.gov">www.acpe.alaska.gov</a>, Home, News and Public Notice, or by following this link to the agency's Public Notice page <a href="http://acpe.alaska.gov/notices">http://acpe.alaska.gov/notices</a>.

After the public comment period ends, ACPE will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

**Statutory Authority**: AS 14.42.030; AS 14.43.105; AS 14.43.320; and AS 14.43.630.

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted or Made Specific:** AS 14.43.640 and AS 14.43.740.

**Fiscal Information**: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATED: August 28, 2015

Hallen Morrison for Diane Barrans, Executive Director

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

ACPE keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of ACPE's Notices of Proposed Regulation Changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to ACPE at P. O. Box 110505, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0505 or <a href="Rochelle.Rogers@Alaska.gov">Rochelle.Rogers@Alaska.gov</a>, giving your name, and either your e-mail or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

## STANDING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

In the event of my absence or unavailability to carry out my duties, Charlene Morrison, Chief Finance Officer, is delegated authority to exercise discretion in managing ongoing agency operations and programs as acting Executive Director for all purposes, including: (1) discharge of loan balances; (2) settlement offers; and (3) wage garnishment waivers, including discretionary adjustments. The authority to act on the discharge of loan balances, settlement offers, and wage garnishment waivers, including discretionary adjustments, is also delegated to Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations.

In the event Charlene Morrison is unavailable during a period of my absence or unavailability, Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations, is delegated the same authority. This delegation remains in effect until rescinded or replaced.

Timesheets for the person acting on my behalf shall be signed by Worth Barthel, Human Resource Officer.

DATED: November 26, 2013

ALASKA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Diane Barrans, Executive Director

ALASKA STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION

Diane Barrans, Executive Officer