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Several pieces of guidance were distributed over the course of the past academic year, 2008-2009, regarding the term deadlines for HEI payment submission requests. As of the date of this memo, a large majority of schools have already passed their spring term submission deadline. In effect, for most schools, the 2008-2009 payment submission process has expired. ***As a reminder, extension requests for refunds will continue to be encouraged and accepted.***

There were two noted exceptions to the deadlines allowing schools to request term extensions for payment requests. The excerpt from Guidance Memo SGS 09-002A (October 2008) is referenced below:

Please note that the explanation for the extension request provided through HEI must be detailed enough to reference one of the following scenarios:

- ▶ Student completes Federal Verification late (original FAFSA completion date was before October 1 state deadline) in the academic year and becomes OIG/OCOG eligible. School applies state grant retroactively to past term(s) in which student was enrolled.
- ▶ Student sends FAFSA data (original completion date was before October 1 state deadline) to school late in the academic year and appears on school's roster as OIG/OCOG eligible. School applies state grant retroactively to past term(s) in which student was enrolled.

The absolute last day extension requests will be honored for ***these exceptions only*** is Monday, August 17, 2009. ***After that date, the 2008-2009 payment submission process will be closed.*** For the small handful of schools with a spring submission window end date beyond August 17, 2009, their spring term payment requests will continue to be accepted until their respective spring term submission windows naturally expire.

The other important element of this year-end reconciliation process is the payment of outstanding refunds from 2008-2009. Each school can access its respective refund manifest at the following links:

OCOG: https://qrv.regents.state.oh.us/cgi/ocog_undisbursed_unrecovered_query.cgi

OIG: https://qrv.regents.state.oh.us/cgi/oig_undisbursed_unrecovered_query.cgi

If a refund is due, a check should be made to the Ohio Board of Regents and mailed along with a copy of the manifest to reconcile the academic year. All outstanding refunds should be received by our office no later than September 14, 2009.

Financial aid personnel should direct questions to OBR State Grants and Scholarships Administrator, Tamika Braswell, 614.728.8862, tbraswell@regents.state.oh.us.