

## Drug-related Convictions and Student Ineligibility

Students who have been convicted under federal or state law for possession or sale of a controlled substance will be suspended from Title IV [financial aid] eligibility, if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment.

	<b>Possession of illegal drugs</b>	<b>Sale of illegal drugs</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> offense</b>	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite Period
<b>3+ offenses</b>	Indefinite period	

If a student is convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, the student will be considered ineligible for the longer period of time.

### Regaining Eligibility

1. The day after the period of ineligibility ends
2. After the successful completion of a drug rehabilitation program, which complies with the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Education that includes passing two unannounced drug tests administered by the program and must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
  - Be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government program.
  - Be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company.
  - Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court.
  - Be administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

The period of ineligibility begins as of the date of the conviction. A conviction is defined as a conviction that is on a student's record at the time the student's eligibility is being determined. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record is not relevant.

An illegal drug is a controlled substance as defined by section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act [21 U.S.C. 801(6)] and does not include alcohol or tobacco. Students may obtain additional information on eligibility by contacting the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-433-3243 or go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.