

(J) THE GRANT AWARD MAY BE USED AT ANY ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD.

(K) (1) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL PERFORM A SERVICE OBLIGATION IN THE RECIPIENT'S FIELD OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN:

(I) A FULL-TIME POSITION AT A RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION; OR

(II) A PART-TIME POSITION AT A RATE OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT RECEIVES A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(2) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATED WORKFORCE SHORTAGE FIELDS TO ADDRESS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL NEEDS.

(L) (1) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL REPAY THE COMMISSION THE FUNDS RECEIVED AS SET FORTH IN § 18-112 OF THIS TITLE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT:

(I) COMPLETE THE SPECIFIED DEGREE, ATTAIN THE LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED, OR FULFILL OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION; OR

(II) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (K) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE OFFICE SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF A GRANT AWARD AT A RATE OF:

(I) 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION ON A FULL-TIME BASIS; OR

(II) 6 MONTHS FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

(3) A RECIPIENT SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD THAT THE RECIPIENT IS NO LONGER PERFORMING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(4) A RECIPIENT MAY DELAY REPAYMENT AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT REMAINS A STUDENT ENROLLED AT LEAST PART-TIME IN A DEGREE-GRANTING PROGRAM.

(5) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, REPAYMENT SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 6 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE.

(6) THE OFFICE MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF DISABILITY OR EXTENDED SICKNESS WHICH PREVENTS THE RECIPIENT FROM FULFILLING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.