

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 207 and 661.

1. Subdivision (f) of section 145-2.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education shall be amended to read as follows:

(f) (1) Matriculated students may defer declaration of a specific major and still be considered [to be] enrolled in one or more of an institution's approved programs provided that the matriculating institution approves the student's deferment. For State financial aid purposes, a student must declare a major within 30 days of the end of the institution's add/drop period of the sophomore year in a 2-year program or within 30 days of the end of the add/drop period of the junior year of a baccalaureate program so that the student is able to complete the requirements for the degree within the timeframe specified in the academic program as registered with the commissioner.

Provided, however, that:

(i) for four-year programs, students who reach their junior year status upon first-time enrollment because of college credits earned during high school may declare a major when they matriculate as a first-time college student. However, such students must declare a major within 30 days of the end of the add/drop period in the semester after the one within which the student reached their junior year status. Junior year status is determined by the institution.

(ii) for 2-year programs, students who reach their sophomore year status upon first-time enrollment because of college credits earned during high school may declare a major when they matriculate as a first-time college student. However, such students must declare a major within 30 days of the end of the add/drop period of the

next semester after reaching sophomore-year status. Sophomore year status is determined by the institution.

(2) In each case, the cumulative transcript for the student must designate the student's enrollment in a program that has been registered by the State Education Department and appears on the Inventory of Registered Programs as a program eligible for State student aid. While a declaration must be made at specified points as noted above, students [are; of course, free to] may change their choice of major during their program of study.