

Notice of Federal Student Financial Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

José María Vargas University is required to notify students of the federal mandated penalties for drug law violations while receiving title IV funds under the Higher Education Act; to provide a timely notice to each student who has lost eligibility for any grant, or loan assistance as a result of said penalties; and to advise the student of the ways in which to regain eligibility.

Students are hereby notified that any convictions for drug law violations will result in the loss of eligibility for any title IV grants or loans.

A student is ineligible to receive title IV, HEA program funds if the student has been convicted of an offense involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs. A conviction means only a conviction that is on a student's record. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record is not relevant for these purposes, nor is a determination or adjudication arising out of a juvenile proceeding. 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.

Penalties:

Possession of illegal drugs	Period of ineligibility
First offense	Ineligible for one year after date of conviction.
Second offense	Ineligible for two years after the date of second conviction.
Third offense	Ineligible indefinitely after the date of the third conviction

Sale of illegal drugs	Period of ineligibility
First offense	Ineligible for two years after the date of conviction.
Second offense	Ineligible indefinitely after the date of conviction

Regaining eligibility:

The student may regain eligibility before that period of ineligibility expires if the student successfully completes a drug rehabilitation program after the student's most recent drug conviction. The student may regain eligibility on the date the student successfully completes the program.

Eligible drug rehabilitation programs must comply with one of the following:

- Include at least two unannounced drug tests, and have received or be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a Federal, State, or local government program;
- Be administered or recognized by a Federal, State, or local government agency or court;
- Have received or be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a Federally- or State-licensed insurance company; or
- Be administered or recognized by a Federally- or State-licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

This notice is given to each student upon enrollment as a separate written notice. It is also available to all current and prospective students through the Student Consumer Information section of the University's website (jmvu.edu)