



## NOTIFICATION OF THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

Under HEA section 485(k)

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) established a requirement stating that institutions must provide all students with a separate notice containing information on the Title IV Federal Student Aid penalties associated with drug-related offenses. OHSU is sending this notification to all students to comply with this requirement under the Higher Education Act (HEA).

### **Penalties Associated with Drug-Related Offenses**

A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any federal Title IV grant, loan or work funds during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

If convicted of an offense involving:

The possession of a controlled substance:

1<sup>st</sup> offense

2<sup>nd</sup> offense

3<sup>rd</sup> offense

Ineligibility period is:

1 year from date of conviction

2 years from date of conviction

Indefinite

The sale of a controlled substance:

1<sup>st</sup> offense

2<sup>nd</sup> offense

Ineligibility period is:

2 years from date of conviction

Indefinite

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain eligibility after completing any of the following options:

1. Successfully completing a rehabilitation program, which includes passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program;
2. Having the conviction reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that few than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record; or
3. Successfully completing two unannounced drug tests which are part of a rehab program (the student does not need to complete the rest of the program).