



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Subject: Guidance on Helping Students Enrolled in Study-Abroad Programs in Japan

Summary: This letter authorizes institutions to rely on information provided in Dear Colleague Letter GEN-10-16 in cases where a student who was enrolled in a study-abroad program located in Japan was impacted by the recent earthquake and related events.

Dear Colleague:

On August 23, 2010 we issued Dear Colleague Letter GEN-10-16 that provided guidance to institutions on helping Title IV participants, including students, affected by a major disaster. While the information provided in that letter specifically refers to federally declared major disasters, this letter extends the guidance included in GEN-10-16 to students who were enrolled in study-abroad programs in Japan at the time of the March 10, 2011 earthquake. While any of the relief provided in the attachment to GEN-10-16 may be necessary, we particularly call to the attention of home institutions the provisions on page 3 of the attachment related to "Institutional Charges, Refunds, and Return of Title IV Funds Calculations" and the provision on "Reporting Student Enrollment Status" on page 8 of the attachment to GEN-10-16.

Questions on this letter or on any of the provisions of GEN-10-16 should be directed to the home institution's School Participation Team. If you are not sure about your School Participation Team, you may go to

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/ifap/helpContactInformationDetailedList.jsp?contactname=School%20Participation%20Teams> for a list.

We thank you for your efforts to assist eligible students whose educational endeavors were impacted by the disaster in Japan.

Sincerely,

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Policy, Planning and Innovation