

Federal Pell Grant Recalculation (PRD) Policy

What is the PRD?

The Federal Pell recalculation date (PRD), also known as the Pell census date, is when the Office of Financial Aid finalizes your Federal Pell Grant eligibility based on your current enrollment status. This happens once each semester after the add/drop period.

Impact on Your Pell Grant:

Before PRD: Your Pell Grant amount is based on your initial Student Aid Index (SAI) as calculated by the FAFSA. Dickinson College typically awards this initial Pell Grant assuming full time enrollment, unless the student has otherwise notified the financial aid office of enrollment plans less than full time.

After PRD: If the Pell grant you were initially awarded does not match your current enrollment status as of the PRD, your award will be adjusted accordingly.

Mandatory Pell Recalculations Occur If:

- You officially or unofficially withdraw from all your courses.
- You did not begin attendance in a course included in your initial Pell Grant determination.

Pell Recalculation Date

The PRD occurs during the week after add/drop has concluded. To find the add/drop period for each term, please view the [academic calendar](#). At that time, your Pell Grant will be based on your enrollment intensity.

Any classes added after the PRD will not count towards your Federal Pell Grant eligibility, regardless of the start date for the class.

Special Considerations:

If your FAFSA is received after the PDR, your Pell Grant eligibility is based on your enrollment when the grant is initially calculated.

Enrollment Intensity

For students enrolled less than full-time, their Federal Pell Grant will be calculated using enrollment intensity. This means that your Pell Grant eligibility will be prorated based on your courses enrolled compared to full time. Each course under three courses of enrollment will adjust the amount of the Pell Grant.