

MEMO

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Subject: Non-Postsecondary Aid Category

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Attached is AB 97-04 - titled Non-Postsecondary Aid Category. This bulletin is effective with the 1997 summer session and supersedes AB 96-06 - titled Basic Education. The major modifications made to AB 96-06 follow.

- A new aid category titled Non-Postsecondary is established for all courses below the postsecondary level and all courses where instructional level is not applicable - currently, Basic Education, Hearing Impaired Program (HIP), and Visually Impaired Program (VIP). The aid codes for this aid category will be in the 71 - 79 range.
- The specific aid codes and instructional area to be used with the Basic Education components, HIP, and VIP are detailed on page 3 of the bulletin. Please note that English As A Second Language, HIP, and VIP are all assigned to aid code 75, which has been reserved for courses where instructional level is not applicable.
- The course approval standards for Basic Education are different than the standards for HIP and VIP. Basic Education courses will be assigned credits based on the tables on page 4 of the bulletin. HIP and VIP will be assigned credits based on standards which are identical to the Technical Diploma standards.

- The proposed statutory change to allow districts to charge program fees for some Basic Education enrollments was not included in the budget bill. S. 38.24 (1m)(b), Wis. Stats., exempts all Basic Education courses from program fees. Therefore, program fees are not to be charged for any Basic Education courses. HIP and VIP courses are not statutorily exempt from program fees.
- The FTE reporting standards for Basic Education are different than the standards for HIP and VIP. Basic Education courses are to be reported for credits based on the tables on page 5 of the bulletin. HIP and VIP are to be reported based on the Date of Record standard on page 4.1.1 of the Client Reporting System Users' Guide.
- Program code 73-850-1 has been administratively approved by the state office for all courses in the Non-Postsecondary aid category. This approval applies to all districts and includes Basic Education, HIP, and VIP. Districts are not to submit individual program approval requests or program curriculum for 73-850-1. Also, this program number is not to be submitted on Client Reporting System demographic records or course records.