

**NCAA Division II Proposal No. EM-2025-1 -- Eligibility -- Academic and General Requirements  
-- Transfer Regulations -- Four-Year Transfer -- Four-Year Undergraduate Transfer Student-Athletes**

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This document contains questions and answers designed to assist the NCAA Division II membership in understanding the application of the new academic standard for four-year undergraduate transfer student-athletes.

**Four-Year Undergraduate Transfer Student-Athletes**

**Question No. 1:** What is the current legislation regarding four-year undergraduate transfer requirements?

**Answer:** Currently, a four-year undergraduate transfer student-athlete must serve a year in residence following transfer unless the student-athlete satisfies a transfer exception.

**Question No. 2:** How does this proposal change the current legislation?

**Answer:** A four-year undergraduate transfer student can be immediately eligible for competition upon transfer provided the student satisfies one of the following prongs:

- a. The transfer student did not practice or compete in intercollegiate athletics at their previous institution, or the previous institution did not sponsor their sport, and they were in good academic standing at the time of transfer; or
- b. The transfer student would have been academically and athletically eligible at their previous institution at the time of transfer, had they remained.

**Question No. 3:** Does a four-year undergraduate transfer student need to satisfy the term-by-term credit-hour requirement [see Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1 (application of rule to transfer student)] in addition to the new academic standard?

**Answer:** Yes. Please note, with the adoption of NCAA Division II Proposal NC-2025-14 (eligibility -- progress-toward-degree requirements -- eligibility for competition -- term-by-term credit-hour requirement -- application of rule to transfer student -- transferable requirement), the term-by-term requirement (nine-semester/eight-quarter hours) must now be earned (rather than transferable) during the student's last full-time term of attendance.

**Question No. 4:** Once adopted, will this proposal permit a 4-4-4 undergraduate transfer student to be immediately eligible upon transfer?

**Answer:** Yes. There is not a limit to the number of times a student may transfer provided the student satisfies one of the prongs outlined in Question No. 2.

**Question No. 5:** Are the four-year college transfer exceptions (e.g., two-year nonparticipation, one-time transfer exception) still available for use in transfer certifications?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 6:** Does a graduate/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate transfer student need to satisfy the new four-year college transfer requirements?

**Answer:** No. A graduate/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate transfer student must satisfy Bylaw 14.1.8 (graduate student/postbaccalaureate/second baccalaureate participation).

**Question No. 7:** How would the certifying institution confirm that the transfer student satisfies the new academic standard?

**Answer:** The certifying institution should confirm with the previous institution if the transfer student meets the new academic standard.

**Question No. 8:** If a four-year undergraduate transfer student does not satisfy the new academic standard, do they need to serve a year-of-residence?

**Answer:** No. However, the transfer student would not be eligible to compete during their first full-time term of enrollment at the certifying institution upon transfer.

**Question No. 9:** Does this proposal eliminate a Division II conference's ability to enforce an intraconference transfer policy?

**Answer:** No.

**Question No. 10:** How can a four-year undergraduate transfer student that does not satisfy the new academic standard regain their eligibility?

**Answer:** The transfer student may regain their eligibility following their first full-time term of enrollment following transfer provided they meet all applicable progress-toward-degree requirements triggered during that term of enrollment.

For a transfer student who transfers for the fall term, the student-athlete would need to be in good academic standing (14.4.3.1) and satisfy the term-

by-term credit-hour requirement (14.4.3.2) to be certified for competition for the following regular term.

For a transfer student who transfers midyear (i.e., winter or spring term), the student-athlete would need to be in good academic standing (14.4.3.1) and satisfy the term-by-term credit-hour requirement (14.4.3.2), the annual credit hour requirement [see Bylaw 14.4.3.4.1.1 (application to a midyear enrollee)] and GPA requirement (14.4.3.5) to be certified for competition for the following fall semester or quarter.

Please note, the transfer student must satisfy all institutional and/or conference requirements for access to competition.

**Question No. 11:** Does the competition in year of transfer legislation still apply [see Bylaw 14.5.5.3]?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 12:** If a transfer student is certified as a partial qualifier and transfers during their initial year of enrollment, can they be immediately eligible?

**Answer:** No. [see Bylaw 14.5.5.1.2 (attendance for less than one academic year)]

**Question No. 13:** Once adopted, if a transfer student is currently serving a year-of-residence during the 2023-24 academic year, can they be immediately eligible?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the student is in good academic standing and has met all progress-toward-degree requirements during their enrollment at the certifying institution. Please note, if the student participates in competition, they will trigger a season of competition.

For partial qualifiers, please see Question No. 12.

**Question No. 14:** If a four-year undergraduate transfer student does not satisfy the new academic standard, can the institution file a waiver?

**Answer:** Yes.

### **June 15 Written Notification of Transfer**

**Question No. 15:** Does a four-year undergraduate college transfer student still need to provide written notification of transfer by June 15 to their current institution?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 16:** May a transfer student still transfer if they do not provide written notification of transfer by June 15?

**Answer:** Yes. However, please note the student may not have any recruiting conversations until the student has provided written notification of transfer and is placed in the NCAA transfer portal.

**Question No. 17:** May an institution still place a transfer student-athlete in the NCAA transfer portal if they provide written notification of transfer after June 15?

**Answer:** Yes. For the 2024-25 academic year a consequence will not be tied to the written notification of transfer date. The Division II Legislation Committee will discuss a potential consequence at a future meeting.

**Question No. 18:** May a transfer student have recruiting conversations if they provide written notification of transfer after June 15 and are placed in the NCAA transfer portal?

**Answer:** Yes.

**Question No. 19:** May a transfer student be immediately eligible upon transfer to the certifying institution if they provide written notification of transfer after June 15?

**Answer:** Yes. With the elimination of the transfer exceptions, the June 15 written notification of transfer requirement is no longer a part of the transfer analysis. So long as the transfer student satisfies the new academic standard and Division II Bylaw 14.4.3.2.1 (application of rule to transfer student), they may be immediately eligible.