



Progress-Toward-Degree Previously Approved Waiver

NCAA DIVISION I REFERENCE GUIDE



Who

Institutions can self-apply waiver relief if a student-athlete (SA):

- Has a credit-hour, percentage or GPA deficiency;
- Satisfies any of the established scenarios criteria listed below; and
- Has competition pending at the certifying institution.

Note: Institutions cannot self-apply a waiver for Spring 2020 for spring sports. Lost APR points must be processed as an adjustment request.



What

- Waiver is applied in lieu of a formal Progress-Toward-Degree (PTD) waiver request through Requests/Self-Reports Online (RSRO).
- Encompasses unforeseen circumstances SAs experience.
- List of previously approved waivers is reviewed annually by NCAA staff.
- Verified through Academic Performance Program (APP) data review process.



Established Scenarios

- Personal Hardships.
 - » COVID-19 is considered a catastrophic event.
 - » Visit the [AMA COVID-19 Q&A Document](#) for additional assistance.
- High-Achieving Students.
- Restrictive Degree Programs.
- Less than Full-Time Enrollment.
- Financial Aid Only for 4-4 Transfer Students.



Required Documentation

- Institutions must maintain a SA's academic recovery plan on file:
 - » Demonstrates the SA will recover academically;
 - » Includes a term-by-term schedule through graduation within five years of full-time enrollment;
 - » Incorporates use of academic resources for success (e.g., study tables, tutoring); and
 - » Requires signatures of SA and staff member with academic oversight of SAs.



Best Practices

- Maintain all documentation used in self-application decisions on campus.
- Does not serve as a blanket waiver for academically ineligible SAs.
- If a SA does not satisfy scenario criteria, submit a waiver through RSRO.
- Visit the [PTD Previously Approved Waiver Checklist](#) for additional assistance.