Progress-Toward-Degree Previously Approved Waiver

**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.

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