

CHAPTER 15-18.2
STATE AID FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

15-18.2-01. Credit-hours - Determination.

1. For each institution under its control, the state board of higher education shall determine the number of credit-hours completed by students during the two-year period ending June thirtieth of each odd-numbered year.
2. For purposes of this section, a completed credit-hour is one for which a student met all institutional requirements and obtained a passing grade.

15-18.2-02. Weighted credit-hours - Determination - Instructional program classification factors - Submission to legislative management.

1. In order to determine the weighted credit-hours for each institution under its control, the state board of higher education shall multiply each of an institution's completed credit-hours, as determined under section 15-18.2-01, by an instructional program classification factor, as set forth in this section.
 - a. The factors for credits completed in agriculture are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - b. The factors for credits completed in architecture are:
 - (1) 1.8 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.6 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.4 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.2 for graduate level credits.
 - c. The factors for credits completed in transportation are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - d. The factors for credits completed in the biological and physical sciences are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - e. The factors for credits completed in business are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - f. The factors for credits completed in education are:
 - (1) 1.9 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 3.8 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 5.7 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 7.6 for graduate level credits.
 - g. The factors for credits completed in engineering are:
 - (1) 2.5 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 5.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 7.5 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 10.0 for graduate level credits.
 - h. The factors for credits completed in the health sciences are:
 - (1) 3.0 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 6.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 9.0 for professional level credits;
 - (4) 12.0 for graduate level credits; and

- (5) 38.0 for medical school credits.
- i. The factors for credits completed in legal studies are:
 - (1) 3.5 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 7.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 10.5 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 14.0 for graduate level credits.
- j. The factors for credits completed in the core disciplines are:
 - (1) 1.0 for lower division credits;
 - (2) 2.0 for upper division credits;
 - (3) 3.0 for professional level credits; and
 - (4) 4.0 for graduate level credits.
- k. The factor for credits completed in career and technical education is 2.0.
- l. The factor for completed basic skills credits is 2.3.
- 2. a. The state board of higher education shall ensure that all delineations in this section reflect the requirements of a nationally recognized and standardized instructional program classification system.
- b. Before adopting any changes to the delineations implemented in accordance with this section, the state board of higher education shall present the proposed changes to and receive the approval of the legislative management.

15-18.2-03. Credit completion factor - Determination.

- 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3 of this section, for each institution under its control, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-02 by a factor of:
 - a. 1.00 if the number of credit-hours is at least 240,000;
 - b. 1.05 if the number of credit-hours is at least 180,000 but less than 240,000;
 - c. 1.10 if the number of credit-hours is at least 120,000 but less than 180,000;
 - d. 1.15 if the number of credit-hours is at least 90,000 but less than 120,000;
 - e. 1.20 if the number of credit-hours is at least 80,000 but less than 90,000;
 - f. 1.30 if the number of credit-hours is at least 70,000 but less than 80,000;
 - g. 1.40 if the number of credit-hours is at least 60,000 but less than 70,000;
 - h. 1.50 if the number of credit-hours is at least 50,000 but less than 60,000;
 - i. 1.60 if the number of credit-hours is at least 40,000 but less than 50,000;
 - j. 1.70 if the number of credit-hours is at least 30,000 but less than 40,000; and
 - k. 1.80 if the number of credit-hours is less than 30,000.
- 2. If the square footage of an institution, when divided by the institution's weighted credit-hours results in a quotient greater than 5.00, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-02 by a factor of 1.00. For purposes of this subsection, the square footage of an institution includes real property as determined by the state board of higher education in accordance with section 15-18.2-04.
- 3. If the number of credit-hours completed by an institution causes a decrease in the credit completion factor for that institution, the new credit completion factor shall not be in effect for calculation purposes for the first two fiscal years following the change.
- 4. For purposes of this section, the number of credit-hours must be those determined by the state board of higher education in accordance with section 15-18.2-01.

15-18.2-04. Institutional size factor - Determination.

- 1. For each institution under its control, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-03 by a size factor of:
 - a. 1.0 if the square footage of the institution, when divided by the institution's weighted credit-hours results in a quotient of less than 5.00; or
 - b. 1.7 if the square footage of the institution, when divided by the institution's weighted credit-hours results in a quotient of 5.00 or more.
- 2. For purposes of this section, an institution's square footage:

- a. Includes all real property owned by the state within an institution's perimeter, except for agricultural experiment stations, agricultural research extension centers, technology parks, and state agencies; and
- b. Is determined as of June thirtieth in each odd-numbered year.

15-18.2-05. Base funding - Determination of state aid.

In order to determine the state aid payment to which each institution under its control is entitled, the state board of higher education shall multiply the product determined under section 15-18.2-04 by a base amount of:

1. \$72.63 in the case of North Dakota state university and the university of North Dakota;
2. \$107.33 in the case of Dickinson state university, Mayville state university, Minot state university, and Valley City state university; and
3. \$114.88 in the case of Bismarck state college, Dakota college at Bottineau, Lake Region state college, North Dakota state college of science, and Williston state college.

15-18.2-06. (Effective through June 30, 2017) Base funding - Minimum amount payable.

Notwithstanding any calculations required by this chapter, during each fiscal year, beginning with 2014-15, an institution may not receive less than ninety-six percent of the state aid to which the institution was entitled under this chapter during the previous fiscal year.

15-18.2-07. Funding - Distribution.

The state aid to which each institution is entitled under this chapter must be forwarded at the time and in the manner agreed to by the institution and the office of management and budget.