

(1) ~~COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY~~ BECOME LICENSED AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT; AND

(2) PERFORM THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT HAS A TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD AS PROVIDED IN § 18-1603(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-1605(A), THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD SHALL WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF THE TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD IN PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT THE RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(2) A RECIPIENT SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE REQUIRED PERIOD THAT THE RECIPIENT IS NO LONGER A ~~PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IN A PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAM IN THIS STATE~~ PERFORMING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(3) A RECIPIENT WHO ~~IS NOT ALREADY A PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND WHO~~ LEAVES THE PROGRAM MAY DELAY REPAYMENT AS LONG AS THE RECIPIENT REMAINS A FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT.

~~(4) A RECIPIENT WHO IS ALREADY A PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AND WHO LEAVES THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SHALL BEGIN REPAYMENT AT THE TIME THE RECIPIENT CEASES TO BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IN A CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.~~

(4) (I) REPAYMENT SHALL BE MADE TO THE STATE WITHIN 6 YEARS AFTER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD BEGINS AND SHALL FOLLOW A REPAYMENT SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.

(II) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD MAY WAIVE OR DEFER REPAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF DISABILITY OR EXTENDED SICKNESS WHICH PREVENTS THE RECIPIENT FROM FULFILLING THE SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIRED UNDER § 18-1603.

18-1605.

(A) THE REPAYMENT OF THE TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARD IN PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OF A RECIPIENT WHO IS NOT YET REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF § 18-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO BEGIN REPAYMENT OF THE AWARD AND WHO ACCEPTS EMPLOYMENT AS ~~A PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST IN A PUBLICLY FUNDED PROGRAM,~~ THAT FULFILLS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION SHALL BE FORGIVEN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF § 18-1604, AT A RATE OF 1 YEAR FOR EACH YEAR THAT THE RECIPIENT PERFORMS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION.

(B) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.