

Policy PJ Survey Results

March 2019

Please indicate which statement most accurately represents your institution's policy related to professional judgment (PJ).

	Percentage
My institutional policy does not allow for PJ adjustments under any circumstance	0.49%
My institutional policy allows for PJ adjustments as authorized in the Higher Education Act	99.51%
n	613

Please share below why your institutional policy does not allow for PJ adjustments under any circumstance (check all that apply):

	Percentage
Concern about being cited for PJ use on an audit, program review, etc.	0%
I'm not sure of the reason behind the policy	0%
Other (please explain).	33.33%
Staff hasn't received adequate training on PJ	0%
Staff resources	66.67%
n	3

TEXT - Other (please explain).

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We are a Graduate school and offer no need-based aid. Also, none of our programs would reasonably necessitate any need for a COA review.

Please share below the areas in which your institutional policy allows for PJ adjustments as authorized in the Higher Education Act (check all that apply):

	% ¹	n
Satisfactory academic progress status	71.66%	427
Refusal or reduction in loan eligibility	25.83%	155
Dependency status	92.83%	557
Cost of attendance changes	88.83%	533
Changes to data items in federal methodology (e.g., changes in income)	93.16%	559
Awarding of unsubsidized loans for dependent students who cannot obtain parental information for the FAFSA and who receive no parental financial support	73.00%	438
Responses		600

¹ Percentages do not add up to 100% as the question was multiple answer

Survey Distribution and Instrument:

This survey was distributed electronically from March 4 – March 8, 2019 to the 2,604 Primary Contacts and NASFAA membership institutions. The distribution resulted in 613 responses, a 24% response rate. The survey instrument is below:

Please indicate which statement most accurately represents your institution's policy related to professional judgment (PJ).

- My institutional policy does not allow for PJ adjustments under any circumstance
- My institutional policy allows for PJ adjustments as authorized in the Higher Education Act

Display This Question If "Please indicate which statement most accurately represents your institution's policy related to p..." answer choice "My institutional policy does not allow for PJ adjustments under any circumstance" is selected

Please share below why your institutional policy does not allow for PJ adjustments under any circumstance (check all that apply):

- Staff resources
- Staff hasn't received adequate training on PJ
- Concern about being cited for PJ use on an audit, program review, etc.
- I'm not sure of the reason behind the policy
- Other (please explain). _____

Display This Question If "Please indicate which statement most accurately represents your institution's policy related to p..." answer choice "My institutional policy allows for PJ adjustments as authorized in the Higher Education Act"

Please share below the areas in which your institutional policy allows for PJ adjustments as authorized in the Higher Education Act (check all that apply):

- Dependency status
- Awarding of unsubsidized loans for dependent students who cannot obtain parental information for the FAFSA and who receive no parental financial support
- Cost of attendance changes
- Changes to data items in federal methodology (e.g., changes in income)
- Satisfactory academic progress status
- Refusal or reduction in loan eligibility