

Subpart A—Tribally Controlled Community Colleges

§41.1 Purpose.

The policy of the Department of the Interior is to support and encourage the establishment, operation, and improvement of tribally controlled community colleges to ensure continued and expanded educational opportunities for Indian students. The regulations in this subpart prescribe procedures for providing financial and technical assistance to this end under the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–471, 92 Stat. 1325, 25 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

§41.2 Scope.

The regulations in this subpart are applicable to the provision of financial and technical assistance to Community Colleges under title I of the Act. They do not apply to the provision of assistance to Navajo Community College. Subpart B of this part applies to assistance to Navajo Community College under title II of the Act.

§41.3 Definitions.

As used in this subpart A:

(a) *Academic term* means a semester, trimester, or other such period (not less than six (6) weeks in duration) into which a community college normally subdivides its academic year, but does not include a summer term.

(b) *Academic year* means a twelve month period established by a community college and approved by the Director of Education as the annual period for the operation of the college's education programs.

(c) *The Act* means the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–471, 92 Stat. 1325, 25 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

(d) *Assistant Secretary* means the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior, or his/her duly authorized representative.

(e) *Community College* means an institution of higher education which (1) is formally controlled or operated and managed by the governing body of an Indian Tribe or by the governing bodies of two or more Indian Tribes, or (2) is established or is otherwise sanctioned or chartered by resolution, ordinance,

or other official action (which is still in full force and effect) of such governing body or bodies. However, for purposes of this definition, only one such institution shall be recognized with respect to any one Tribe. A Community College that meets the requirements of this definition with respect to more than one Tribe must meet such requirements with respect to at least one Tribe that has no other currently formally controlled, operated and managed, established, sanctioned, or chartered Community College.

(f) *Director of Education* means the Director of the Office of Indian Education Programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or his/her duly authorized representative.

(g) *Full time equivalent* or *FTE*, means the number of Indian students (1) enrolled full-time for an entire academic term at a community college, calculated on the basis of registrations as in effect at the conclusion of the sixth week of an academic term, plus (2) the full-time equivalent of the number of other Indian students who are enrolled part-time for an entire academic term at a community college (determined on the basis of the quotient of the sum of credit hours for which all such part-time students are registered during such academic term, divided by twelve (12)), calculated on the basis of registrations as in effect at the conclusion of the sixth week of an academic term. The formula for calculating the Indian FTE for an academic term is expressed mathematically as $FTE = FT + PTCR/12$ where FT is the number of full time Indian students (those carrying 12 or more credit hours at the end of the sixth week of the academic term) and PTCR is the number of credit hours for which part-time Indian students are registered at the end of the sixth week of an academic term.

(h) *Indian* means a person who is a member of an Indian Tribe and is eligible to receive services from the Secretary of the Interior because of his/her status as an Indian.

(i) *Indian Tribe* means an Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, rancheria, or other organized group or community, including any Alaskan Native Village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established under