

OKLAHOMA STATE REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Memo

To: Presidents
cc: Council on Student Affairs, Council on Instruction, Business Officers
From: Chancellor Glen D. Johnson
Date: January 2, 2008
Subject: Undocumented persons – eligibility for enrollment, resident tuition and financial aid under HB1804 and SB820

During its 2007 session, the Legislature passed, and the Governor subsequently approved, two items of legislation which pertain to the issue of immigration. Both of these items, HB1804 and SB820, are now in effect, and both include provisions which must be implemented by The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

HB1804 includes provisions regarding eligibility for enrollment, resident tuition and financial aid other than Oklahoma's Promise (OHLAP), while SB820 includes provisions regarding eligibility for Oklahoma's Promise. Please also note that, at their October 25, 2007 meeting, the State Regents amended their policy regarding eligibility for enrollment, resident tuition and financial aid (OSRHE Policy 3.18.6) so as to conform with HB1804.

The attached memo is intended to provide guidance to those persons at your institution who will be directly involved in implementing the provisions of HB1804, SB820 and the new State Regents policy. It is suggested that those persons read the memo as soon as possible, and then keep it handy to be referred to and used as a checklist when analyzing the eligibility of any particular student.

HB1804 and SB820 raise complicated issues. The OSRHE staff and I realize that you and your staff may have questions after the memo is reviewed. Please contact the appropriate OSRHE staff person listed on page 7 of the memo regarding any questions. If necessary, the memo will be updated in the future to address those questions.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.