

Quick Facts: **Graduate Provisional Admission**

More info online at <http://www.finaid.msu.edu/provadmt.asp>

What is Provisional Admission?

Students who are not fully admissible to a graduate program may be offered provisional admission to the program. The academic department sets certain conditions that the student must meet, such as completing three courses with a GPA of 3.0 or above, before the student will be admitted to the degree program.

How is aid eligibility affected?

Students who are provisionally admitted to a degree program are **not eligible** for federal, state, or MSU financial aid, although they may be eligible for private student loans or scholarships. This policy is based upon federal regulations requiring a student to be fully admitted to a degree program as a condition of aid eligibility.

There is one exception to the above:

If the student is required to do **preparatory course work** before being admitted to a graduate degree program, the student may be eligible for federal loans. Preparatory course work refers to courses a student is required to take in order to be admitted into a regular degree program. **The courses are preparatory to the degree, not a part of the degree requirements.**

The student must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit appropriate documentation from the academic advisor to the Office of Financial Aid to be considered for this exception.

Enrollment Requirements for the Preparatory Coursework Exception

- Students must be enrolled in preparatory course work REQUIRED for admission to a regular graduate or graduate/professional degree program
- Students must be enrolled at least half time (5 credits) and only those courses REQUIRED for admission may be considered when determining enrollment level and student aid eligibility

Documentation

Documentation must be received from the student's academic advisor and must include the following:

- A statement that the course work is required for admission to a specified graduate or graduate/professional degree program
- A list of the specific courses required for admission
- A statement that the student will be admitted to the degree program if the courses are completed with the required grade

Aid Eligibility

- Aid eligibility is limited to Federal Direct (Stafford) Loan. Loan amounts are the same as independent undergraduate seniors.
- Loan eligibility is limited to a single consecutive 12-month period.
- Students will be monitored throughout the enrollment period to ensure continued compliance with eligibility rules.