Federal regulations limit the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive Federal financial aid for that course:

- A student may receive aid when repeating a course for the first time (course was previously failed or passed first time).
- If a previously passed course is repeated a third time, the student may not receive financial aid for that course. Also, the course would not be counted towards full-time eligibility. Grants, loans, and scholarships can be affected if a student is not at full-time status.
- A student may receive aid for a repeated course in which they have never received a passing grade for as many times as it takes to pass the course as long as they are meeting other financial aid eligibility requirements.

The federal regulations apply whether or not the student received aid for earlier enrollments in the course.