

# EFFORT REPORTING NEWS!

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## NIH Salary Cap 2017

Effective January 8, 2017, the Executive Level II salary (previously set at \$185,100) was increased to \$187,000. For awards issued in those years that were restricted to Executive Level II, including competing awards already issued in FY2017, if adequate funds are available in active awards, grantees may rebudget to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level. However, no additional funds will be provided to these grant awards due to the current federal budget freeze. Departments should continue to reflect the full institutional base salary (IBS) in grant proposals so, should the budget freeze be lifted before the proposal is awarded, the NIH will adjust the funding to the new level.

FECs for academic cycle 9/16/16-3/15/17 have just been released. Consistent with what we have done in the past, eFECs has been programmed to use an average of the old and new salary caps to determine the salary cap cost sharing for this cycle. Given the current federal budget situation, the departments have two options:

- Rebudget to accommodate the new higher salary cap beginning January 1, 2017 (provided that funds are available in the existing awards), which will result in the FEC salary cap cost sharing being correct as it appears on the FEC.
- Continue to accommodate the previous lower salary cap (185,100). This will require that prior to faculty certification, a manual adjustment be made to each budget subject to salary cap cost share on all FECs where the faculty's earnings exceed the lower cap amount (185,100 cap amount adjusted to the faculty's Avg. paid FTE %.) FEC coordinators should choose the pre-defined comment "*Department chooses not to re-budget with new salary cap*". To determine the amount of cost share required for the lower (prior) salary cap, you may also utilize [Salary Cap Calculator for adjusting an FEC](#) that can be found on MAA website.

For more information visit NIH website, policies [NOT-OD-17-048](#) and [NOT-OD-17-049](#)

## Upcoming Trainings

Select the title of any of the following courses to register.

- ✚ [Introduction to Grant and Contract Certification \(GCCR\)](#)
- ✚ [Introduction to Faculty Effort Certification](#)
- ✚ [eFECs for FEC Coordinators](#)
- ✚ [Using the Tools: Calculators, Worksheets and Reports](#)

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## GCCRs in Workday

Grant and Contract Certification Reports (GCCRs) are released 4 times every year, covering reporting periods corresponding with calendar quarters. GCCRs are organized by the Payroll Unit Code (PUC) of the home department of the *budget*. With the Workday implementation, Payroll Unit Codes will no longer be used and will be replaced by a different 5-digit code. Since the Workday Go Live date (June 16, 2017) falls in the middle of a GCCR cycle, MAA will be changing GCCR reporting periods for the upcoming two calendar Quarters as follows:

- April 1 – June 15, 2017 (5 pay periods) – released on or about June 25, 2017
- June 16 – September 30, 2017 (7 pay periods) released on or about October 10, 2017

MAA will analyze whether the new codes correspond with the existing Payroll Unit Codes. We will also determine whether manual adjustments to ASTRA authorizations are needed to allow GCCR Report Generators to download and print GCCRs. We will make announcements when we know more.



FECs for academic quarter 9/16/2016 – 3/15/2017 have just been released! Process all OSETs and cost share adjustments before the faculty members certify. The e-mail reminder notification schedule can be found on the MAA [website](#). As always, e-mail [efecs](#) with any questions!