

# Dependency Overrides

Financial aid administrators have the authority, through Section 480(d)(7) of the Higher Education Act, to change a student's status from dependent to independent in cases involving unusual circumstances. Nationwide, approximately 2% of undergraduate students become independent through such dependency overrides.

The policy of BCCC is to comply with the federal requirements and to treat it the utmost caution and care for accuracy. When in doubt, the financial aid officer is to call the third party advisor (which she does on a regular basis).

<http://www.finaid.org/educators/pj/dependencyoverrides.phtml>