

Application for use of the “Fresh Start” Rule

Student Information

Ohio State ID#	First Name	Last Name	Ohio State Name.#
Other Name(s) Previously Used	Campus		Program

Information regarding the application of the “Fresh Start” Rule (Faculty Rule 3335-8-26.1) to your record:

- You must have been absent from the University for a period of at least five years. The chart on the next page defines a minimum five-year absence.
- The “Fresh Start” Rule cannot be applied to your academic record **until you have re-enrolled** after the five-year absence.
- All courses will remain on your permanent record:
 - **For Undergraduate Students:**
Those courses with marks of ‘A,’ ‘A-,’ ‘B+,’ ‘B,’ ‘B-,’ ‘C+,’ ‘C,’ ‘C-,’ ‘EM,’ ‘K,’ ‘PA,’ or ‘S’ will be counted for credit only. Courses with other marks will not be counted for credit. You will lose credit, therefore, for all courses prior to the five-year absence in which you earned a grade below ‘C-’.
 - **For Graduate and Professional Students:**
The Graduate School and the Professional Colleges adopt their own rules regarding the treatment of previous course work. Please consult with your college office to determine how your course work will be handled.
- You will resume your academic program after the five-year absence with no cumulative grade-point average.
- You cannot apply the “Fresh Start” Rule to an academic career in which you have already completed a degree.
- **After the five-year absence from the university, and before graduation,** you must be re-enrolled for a *minimum* of thirty (30) credit hours and two (2) academic terms.
- For a student who has completed sixty credit hours (excluding repeat course work and course work graded PA/NP) subsequent to application of a fresh start, only those marks received subsequent to fresh start will be considered in calculating eligibility for graduation honors; all courses ever taken at the university will be used in the calculation of the cumulative point-hour ratio required for the purposes of graduation with honors.
- Once applied, the “Fresh Start” Rule cannot be removed from your record.
- This form should be submitted as soon as possible after your re-enrollment.

To be completed by the student:

The last quarter or semester and year of enrollment prior to my five-year absence: Term/Year _____

The first semester and year of enrollment following my five-year absence: Term/Year _____

I have read and understand the information printed above. I am requesting that my course work and cumulative grade-point average, prior to the date of re-enrollment listed above, be treated according to Faculty Rule 3335-8-261, and I agree to its conditions.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

To be completed by the college:

Advisor Recommendation _____ Date _____

Advisor Campus ID (name.#) _____

College Verification of Eligibility and Approval _____ Date _____

To submit this form: Submit a [Help Request](#) (Staff/Faculty > Grades > Fresh Start), or email to registrar@osu.edu.

Eligibility for Fresh Start

The chart below defines a five-year absence.

Last Term of Enrollment	First Term to Re-enroll under Fresh Start
Autumn 2018	Spring 2024
Spring 2019	Summer 2024
Summer 2019	Autumn 2024
Autumn 2019	Spring 2025
Spring 2020	Summer 2025
Summer 2020	Autumn 2025
Autumn 2020	Spring 2026
Spring 2021	Summer 2026
Summer 2021	Autumn 2026
Autumn 2021	Spring 2027
Spring 2022	Summer 2027
Summer 2022	Autumn 2027
Autumn 2022	Spring 2028
Spring 2023	Summer 2028
Summer 2023	Autumn 2028
Autumn 2023	Spring 2029
Spring 2024	Summer 2029
Summer 2024	Autumn 2029
Autumn 2024	Spring 2030
Spring 2025	Summer 2030
Summer 2025	Autumn 2030
Autumn 2025	Spring 2031