

FRESH START POLICY	
1.0	Purpose: The Fresh Start policy provides a mechanism for students returning to QCC after two years to elect to have their previous coursework not calculated in their Q.P.A. for the purpose of the College's academic standing.
2.0	Revision History: The Fresh Start Policy was adopted in June 1986. It was reviewed by the Academic Affairs Committee in November 2009 and was reaffirmed and reformatted.
3.0	Persons Affected: Students
4.0	<p>Policy: Once in a life-time, if a student returns to Quinsigamond Community College after being away at least two consecutive years, he/she may elect a "fresh start" option. The student's Q.P.A. will be calculated only from this point forward, for the purposes of the College's academic standing policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a student elects this "fresh start" option, the former work will remain in the student's file as a matter of record but will not be used in calculating the student's Q.P.A. If a student is requesting federal financial aid and is judged to be ineligible due to the Standards of Satisfactory Progress for Federal Financial Aid, he/she may appeal based upon mitigating circumstances. b. Under this option, a student's former course work may be transferred into his/her new program under the College's regular transfer policy. However, none of the earlier work will be calculated in the new Q.P.A. and he/she must complete a minimum of 15 credits "in residence" in his/her new program. c. If a student wishes to have some of his former grades count toward his/her Q.P.A., he cannot elect this policy. In that case, the student's entire former transcript will be calculated as part of the present Q.P.A. d. The "fresh start" option is available only once in a lifetime to a student returning to the College. e. For those students granted a "Fresh Start", the transcript will include, at the appropriate chronological point, a statement explaining the Fresh Start Policy.
5.0	Definitions:
6.0	Responsibilities:
7.0	Procedures: Contact Registrar's Office - (508) 854-4257
8.0	Sanctions: