

## **CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG AND CONVICTION ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID**

New Hampshire and federal laws prohibit the possession and distribution of controlled substances. Criminal sanctions for violations of these laws range from fine to imprisonment. The severity of the penalty depends upon factors such as the nature and amount of the controlled substance and may be compounded for repeat offenses.

**FEDERAL LAW NOW MAKES STUDENTS CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES INELIGIBLE FOR ANY FEDERALLY SPONSORED LOAN, GRANT OR WORK ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

The period of ineligibility varies according to the type of offense and the number of prior offenses, as do the requirements for reinstatement. Students with concerns regarding the scope and effect of this law should consult their financial aid officer. More information about local, state and federal laws concerning illicit drugs may be obtained at the Office of the General Counsel.