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Accreditation Innovation and Other Issues

- The Department established three subcommittees that would make recommendations to the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on:
 - Distance Learning and Innovation
 - Eligibility of faith-based entities and activities
 - TEACH Grants

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Accreditation Innovation and Other Issues

- Committee reached consensus on all issues
- The Department will issue multiple Notices of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) later this year

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Borrower Defense to Repayment (BDTR)

- On Nov. 1, 2016, the Department published final regulations that were scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017
- The final regulations:
 - Created a new Federal standard for BDTR
 - Prohibited mandatory arbitration clauses
 - Required loan repayment warnings under some circumstances
 - Provided for automatic closed school discharges
 - Updated false certification discharge regulations

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Borrower Defense to Repayment

- The Department formed a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to negotiate the following issues:
 - Federal Standard for BDTR
 - BDTR Process
 - Limited Aspects of Financial Responsibility and Administrative Capability
 - Pre-dispute Arbitration Agreements, Class Action Waivers, and Internal Dispute Processes
 - Closed School Discharges
 - False Certification Discharges
 - Guaranty Agency Collection Fees
 - Subsidized Usage Period Recalculation

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Borrower Defense to Repayment

- A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published July 31, 2018
- The Department received nearly 32,000 comments in response
- *In October 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia invalidated the delay and the 2016 Borrower Defense regulations became effective*

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2016 Borrower Defense to Repayment Regs

March 15, 2019 – Electronic Announcement

- Federal standard for BDTR applications will be applied for borrower defense to repayment claims asserted to loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2017
- Institutions need to notify the Secretary within specified timeframes about certain issues such as specific debts, lawsuits, 90/10 violations, stock exchange actions, accreditation probation or show-cause or loan agreement violations that occur on or after July 1, 2017
- Provided language and steps to resolve prohibited class action bans and predispute arbitration agreements
- Repayment rate warnings and financial protection disclosures guidance coming in the future

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Gainful Employment

- A negotiated rulemaking committee was formed to consider the Gainful Employment rules
- The committee met:
 - Dec. 4-7, 2017,
 - Feb. 5-8, 2018, and
 - March 12-15, 2018
- Negotiations concluded without consensus being reached

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Gainful Employment

- A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published Aug. 14, 2018
 - The comment period ended on Sept. 13, 2018
 - The Department received nearly 14,000 comments
- A final regulation is under development

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Gainful Employment Disclosures

- [June 18, 2018 GE EA #116](#): Deadline to comply with requirements of 668.412 (d) and (e) *delayed until July 1, 2019*. Specifically these regulations require schools to:
 - Include the disclosure template, or a link thereto, in their GE program promotional materials; and,
 - Directly distribute the disclosure template to prospective students
- [May 23, 2019 GE EA #120](#): Reminder that schools must provide the above disclosures *as of July 1, 2019* (no more delays)
- Consistent with previous announcements, schools must comply with 668.412(a), (b), and (c) to post disclosures on their GE program webpages using the approved disclosure template provided by ED

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2019 Gainful Employment Disclosure Template

- May 9, 2019 – Electronic Announcement (GE #119)
 - Streamlined to include:
 - Normal time to complete the program
 - Total program costs if completing the program within normal time (including tuition and fees plus books, supplies, and equipment; excluding room, board, or other expenses)
 - Median cumulative debt for Title IV students completing the program within normal time (including Federal, private, and institutional debt)
 - Licensure information for the program's target occupation
 - URL for the College Scorecard
 - Warning language if required under 34 CFR 668.410

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2019 Gainful Employment Disclosure Template

- May 9, 2019 – Electronic Announcement (GE #119)
 - 2019 GE Disclosure Template is a text-based format
 - Copy the provided text, fill in the information and post the completed disclosure template to each relevant program webpage
 - Any web page containing academic, cost, financial aid, or admissions information about a GE program must include the GE Disclosure Template for that program or a prominent, readily accessible, clear, conspicuous, and direct link to the program's disclosure template
 - Institutions have until **July 1, 2019** to update disclosures for each of their GE programs, using the 2019 GE Disclosure Template
 - 2019 GE Disclosure Template is available at - <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/ge-template.html>

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Final GE Completer Lists

April 5, 2019 – Electronic Announcement (GE #118)

- Final GE completer lists became available in NSLDS April 8, 2019
- Department's review of draft GE completer list corrections can be viewed through "Edited" records on program's GE Completers List page - GE tab
- Reports include:
 - GE Completers List Report (GEPDC1)
 - GE Completers List Case Outcomes Report (GEPDE1)
 - GE Completers List Unsubmitted Cases Report (GEPDD1)
- Since the Memorandum of Understanding under which the Social Security Administration shared earnings data with the Department has expired, the Department is unable to calculate D/E rates in 2019

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- On Sept. 28, 2018 the President signed the Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 (H.R. 6157; Public Law No: 115-245) which impacted Federal student aid in several ways:
 - Increased Maximum Pell Grant awards
 - Level funding for FWS/FSEOG awards
 - Deferment for Cancer Treatment
 - FAFSA® Data Usage
 - Temporary Extended Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF)
 - Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Outreach

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- Maximum Scheduled Award: \$6,195
 - Increase of \$100 for 2019-2020
 - Able to receive up to 150% of scheduled Pell award
- Minimum Award - \$650
- Maximum eligible EFC – 5576

Pell Payment and Disbursement Schedules

- DCL GEN-19-01 (Jan. 23, 2019)

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Deferment for Cancer Treatment

- Direct Loan, FFELP, and Perkins Loan borrowers will become eligible for an interest-subsidized deferment for the period of time for which they are receiving treatment for cancer and for the 6-month period following the cessation of such treatment. The term "cancer treatment" is undefined.
- This provision is only available for loans that are disbursed on or after the date of enactment, Sept. 28, 2018, or loans in repayment on the date of enactment
- Loans disbursed prior to Sept. 28, 2018 that have not yet entered repayment are not eligible for this benefit

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FAFSA Data Usage

- The law permits, but does not require, schools to provide FAFSA data to a scholarship granting organization, or to an organization that assists the applicant in applying for and receiving Federal, State, local or tribal assistance if:
 - The applicant has provided explicit written consent, and
 - The disclosure is to assist the applicant in applying for and receiving financial assistance at that school
- The organization cannot sell or otherwise share the FAFSA data they receive from schools under this section
- This provision will remain in effect until the HEA is reauthorized

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

- The appropriations law sets aside an additional \$2.3 million from the Student Aid Administrational account (same as in FY 2018) for FSA to perform outreach to all Direct Loan borrowers with respect to PSLF, particularly those who are not in qualifying repayment plans for PSLF
- The law also permits FSA to spend these funds on enhancements to PSLF operations
 - PSLF Help Tool - StudentLoans.gov/pslf

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TEPSLF

- The appropriations law provides a supplemental \$350 million for the temporary expansion of PSLF for Direct Loan borrowers that was created in FY 2018, bringing the total appropriation to \$700 million
- This expansion is available to those who do not otherwise qualify for PSLF solely because some or all of their payments were made on a non-qualifying repayment plan (such as the Extended Repayment Plan)
- To qualify for the temporary expansion, a borrower must demonstrate that the payment they made 12 months prior to applying for the temporary expansion of PSLF and the payment they made immediately prior to applying for the expansion are at least as much as they would have paid under an income-driven repayment plan

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TEPSLF

- ED will reconsider borrower eligibility for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) using an expanded list of qualifying repayment plans and some payments that don't count toward PSLF may count toward forgiveness under TEPSLF
- Additional qualifying repayment plans include:
 - Graduated Repayment Plan
 - Extended Repayment Plan
 - Consolidation Standard Repayment Plan
 - Consolidation Graduated Repayment Plan
- Refer to [May 23, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#)

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Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

- On March 23, 2018 the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, (H.R. 1625, Public Law 115-141)
- Amends Sec. 473(b) of HEA and expands special rule for "EFC shall be deemed zero"
- Student must be eligible to receive Pell Grant for the year in which eligibility determination is made beginning with 2018-2019 award year (EFC > 0 and ≤ the maximum EFC for Pell Grant)
- Parent or guardian actively serving as a public safety officer and died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer

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Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

- School's responsibility
 - Determine and document, working with the student, that the student met eligibility requirements
- Documentation requirements are not prescribed but may include
 - Determination letter for certain federal benefits under DOJ's Public Safety Officers Benefit Program
 - Written attestation made by a state or local government official with authority over the individual who died in the line of duty
 - See 11/19/2018 EA for more examples
- Submit eligibility determination to FSA through the COD System in awards 2018-19 and 2019-20
 - *Eligibility determination validation will move to FAA Access beginning in the 2020-2021 award year*

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Verification

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Electronic Announcement: January 9, 2019

- Signed copies of paper tax returns may now be accepted in lieu of documents issued by the IRS
 - Schools may still opt to require IRS documentation
 - Signature requirements for tax preparers continue to apply
- IRS verification of non-filing (VNF) is still required for non-filing parents, independent students and spouses, but a signed statement may be provided if the VNF cannot be obtained
 - Applicants are not required to document their attempt to obtain IRS documents, unless the school doubts the attempt was made

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Tax Filing Extenders: VNF Documentation

- A signed statement certifying that the individual:
 - Attempted to obtain non-filing verification from the IRS or other tax authorities and was unable to; *and*
 - Has not filed a Federal income tax return

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Amended Tax Returns

- Individuals who filed an amended tax return must submit the following documents to the institution:
 - If identified by IRS Request Flag 07, all original income and tax information is considered verified
 - If not identified by IRS Request Flag 07, an IRS Tax Return Transcript, or any other IRS tax transcript(s) that include all of the income and tax information required, or a *signed copy of the original tax return*;

AND

 - a signed copy of IRS Form 1040X that was filed with the IRS
- If the amendment was not due to filing a 1040X, the applicant must provide IRS documentation of the change

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Identity Theft

- Victims of IRS tax-related identity theft must submit:
 - Statement signed and dated by the tax filer indicating s/he was a victim of IRS tax-related identity theft and the IRS has been made aware;

AND

 - An IRS Tax Return Database View (TRDBV) transcript
 - Tax filers who cannot obtain a TRDBV transcript may instead submit other official IRS document(s) if they include all income and tax information required to be verified, or a *signed copy of the tax return*

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2018-2019 Verification: References

- [GEN-17-05](#): 2018-2019 Verification (5/5/17 Federal Register)
 - No changes to verification tracking groups
- [August 16, 2017 Electronic Announcement](#): 2018-19 Verification Suggested Text
- Updates:
 - Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) is available again (masking process)
 - **Dependent students** who are nontax filers **do not** have to provide confirmation of nonfiling status from the IRS or other relevant tax authority
 - Other parties do (parents, independent students, etc.)

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2019-2020 Verification: References

- [GEN-18-03](#) - 2019-20 Verification (3/28/18 Federal Register)
 - No changes to verification tracking groups or FAFSA verification items from 2018-2019
- [June 8, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#) - 2019-20 Verification Suggested Text
- [July 30, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#) - EDE Technical Reference for the 2019-20 ISIR record layout, including Verification Tracking Flags

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Changes to IRS Tax Transcript

New IRS Tax Transcripts Redacted Data

- Effective 9/23/18, IRS tax transcripts display a reduced number of digits/characters for SSN, EIN, account/phone #, last name, address
- *The revised IRS tax transcript is acceptable for verification purposes*
- Transcripts no longer faxed (delayed by IRS)
- Filers currently can create "customer file numbers" when requesting transcripts via 4506T/T-EZ
 - Available next year for Get Transcripts Online or Online by Mail

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Changes to IRS Tax Transcript

New IRS Tax Transcripts Redacted Data

- Spring of 2019, IRS plans to remove option for requesting 3rd-party receipt of tax data on 4506-T/T-EZ and only mail transcripts to taxpayer
 - Schools can receive transcripts directly by participating in IRS' Income Verification Express Services [IVES] by registering for e-Services on IRS.gov

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Changes to Other IRS Tax Forms

- Recent changes to IRS tax forms (e.g. Form 1040)
- The IRS released drafts of new tax forms in August 2018
- One major change is the elimination of tax forms 1040A and 1040EZ, and the creation of 6 new schedules
- These changes are reflected in the draft 2020-2021 forms and processes

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2020-2021 Verification: References

- May 24, 2019 Federal Register
 - 2020-2021 Federal verification items and acceptable documentation
 - Includes signed paper tax returns and applicable schedules
 - Includes statement of attempt to obtain verification of nonfiling from the IRS

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Distribution of Assets

- Section 466(a) of the HEA requires a capital distribution of the balance of the institution's Perkins Loan Fund (Distribution of Assets)
 - An Institution is required to:
 - Return to the Department the **Federal** share of the Perkins Loan Fund through the G5 system
 - Return to the institution the **institutional** share of the Perkins Loan Fund through the institution's own accounting processes

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Distribution of Assets

- ED has decided NOT to require a distribution of assets from the institution's Perkins Fund for the 2018–2019 Award Year
 - Institutions are not required to return the federal share of their Perkins Fund to ED and should not remove the institutional share from their Perkins Fund and return it to their institution*
- For more information on reporting requirements for the upcoming October 1, 2019 FISAP and contact information, please see the *May 24, 2019 Electronic Announcement*

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NSLDS Updates

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NSLDS – Children of Fallen Heroes

- The Children of Fallen Heroes indicator is displayed in the Pell Grant History table on the Grants Page under the Aid tab of the [NSLDS Professional Access](#) website

Student is not on your school's Transfer Monitoring List.
 Add Student to Monitoring List

Pell Grant History
 Lifetime Eligibility Used: 50.000%

#	Award Year	Scheduled Amount	Award Amount	Disbursed Amount	% Sched. Award Used by Award Yr	Latest Disb	Posted by COD
1	2018 - 2019	\$5,000	\$4,800	\$3,840	50.000%	09-10-2018	09-10-2018
						Ver. Flag: Y	Team: 02
						Post-Act Unenrolled Student Requirement - Children of Fallen Heroes : Yes	

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Changes to Enrollment Update

- Updated March 2019 (NSLDS Newsletter #63)
- New search options will be available on the Enrollment Update page:
 - Credential Level
 - Special Program Indicator (SPI)
 - Published Program Length (PPL)
 - Classification of Institutional Programs (CIP) Code

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Supplemental Enrollment Reporting File

- Updated March 2019 (NSLDS Newsletter #63)
- New Supplemental Enrollment Reporting File will allow schools the option to send enrollment data to NSLDS outside of their roster schedule. Schools will be able to provide more timely data updates to NSLDS
 - The new supplemental file will not return an Error/Acknowledgment File
 - Schools will be able to confirm receipt of the Supplemental Enrollment Reporting File on the Enrollment Submittal Tracking page of the NSLDSFAP website
- The new supplemental file does not replace existing enrollment rosters or reporting requirements

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Historical Corrections to Enrollment Reporting

- Spring 2019
- Schools can easily correct campus and program-level enrollment history for students
- Historical Corrections will be available via:
 - Online:
 - Users will be able to correct an individual student easily online
 - Spreadsheet Submittal:
 - Users will be able to correct all history for the student
 - Batch (SAIG) Submittal:
 - Users will be able to correct all history for the student
- Resources:
 - May 21, 2019 EA
 - NSLDS Newsletter #64
 - June 11, 2019 Webinar (ANN-19-02)

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COD Updates

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Release 17.2 Children of Fallen Heroes (December 2018)

- Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Scholarship Act
 - Eligibility certified by the financial aid administrator on COD Web by marking the CFH Indicator = "true" for Pell-eligible students that qualify
 - Will allow awarding the maximum Pell Grant Scheduled Award based on Cost of Attendance
 - CFH Indicator "tag" will not be returned in responses, but new **Warning Edit 224** will be
 - Message- "Pell award submitted with CFH Indicator = true"

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COD Update – 17.2 Children of Fallen Heroes

The **Create Award** or **Update Award** screens are the most common areas where you will set the CFH indicator on the COD Web.

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COD Update – 17.2 Children of Fallen Heroes

The **Award Detail Information** screen displays the Pell record detail, including the higher Scheduled Award reflecting the zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and the CFH Indicator.

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COD Update – Release 18.0

- COD System implementation occurred on April 7, 2019
- New Award Year Set-up for 2019-20
- No new schema
- CFH Indicator added to 2018-19 Pell POP, 2019-20 Pell MRR, Pell Reconciliation, and Pell Grant Year-to-Date files
- StudentLoans.gov Process Demonstrations
- *Return of Title IV (R2T4) migrating to COD*
- Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) Validation Edits

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COD Update –18.0 R2T4 on COD

- R2T4 migrating to COD
 - Core-functionality and calculations will not change
 - Base year for tool will be 2017-18
 - Data (i.e., calculations, PDFs) will be available for ten years from base-year
 - Calculations and previous information will not transfer to COD
 - Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant included in tool calculation

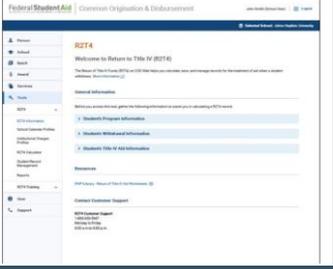
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COD Update –18.0 R2T4 on COD

Available on:

- <https://cod.ed.gov>
- New sidebar - "Tools"
- R2T4 Home Page will be located under "Tools" drop-down
- New "Look and Feel" for R2T4 Home Page



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COD Update –18.0 R2T4 on COD

- R2T4 Access
 - COD School-User(s) 1 and 2 will have view-only access to the R2T4 module
 - COD School-User(s) 3 - 6 will have access to create profiles and calculate R2T4 records
 - Main school and additional locations will have access to view R2T4 calculations, institutional, and calendar profiles

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COD Update –18.0 R2T4 on COD

- R2T4 enhanced functionality
 - Ability to “override” the completed days in calculation
 - Especially useful for certain modular or non-term credit-hour situations
 - Ability to copy/modify institutional and calendar profiles within an aid year
 - User can recalculate without creating a new record
 - Reports will be consolidated into one file for export
 - Search by award year(s) and Payment Period or Period of Enrollment start/end dates

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COD Update – Posted Resources

- 2019-20 COD Technical Reference (EA), November 19, 2018
- 17.2 Implementation (EA), November 20, 2018
- Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act (EA), November 19, 2018
- R2T4 Transition to COD (EA), December 20, 2018, February 28, 2019 and March 1, 2019

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Updates and Reminders**

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Sequestration

5/30/19 – Sequestration and TIV programs

- Direct Loans Fees (1st disbursement made on or after October 1, 2019 and before October 1, 2020)
 - The loan fee for Direct Subsidized Loans and for Direct Unsubsidized Loans is **1.059%** (down from 1.062% for 18/19)
 - The loan fee for Direct PLUS Loans (for both parent borrowers and graduate and professional student borrowers) is **4.236%** (down from 4.248% for 18/19)

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Sequestration

5/30/19 – Sequestration and TIV programs

- TEACH Grant reduction (1st disbursement made on or after October 1, 2019 and before October 1, 2020)
 - Teach reduction is **5.90%** (down from 6.20% for 18/19)
- Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant (1st disbursement made on or after October 1, 2019 and before October 1, 2020)
 - Iraq-Afghanistan Service Grant reduction is **5.90%** (down from 6.20% for 18/19)

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Direct Loan Interest Rates

5/23/19 – Interest Rates for 19/20 Direct Loans *first disbursed* between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020:

- Undergraduate Students - Sub and Unsub
 - **4.53%** (last year's Sub and Unsub was 5.05%)
- Graduate students – Unsubsidized Loans only
 - **6.08%** (last year's Grad Unsub – 6.60%)
- PLUS Loans (parent and grad/professional)
 - **7.08%** (last year's – 7.60%)

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Experimental Sites Initiatives

5/20/19 – Second Chance Pell Continuation (2019-2020)

- Allows schools the ability to provide incarcerated individuals the opportunity to use Pell Grants to pursue postsecondary education in federal and state penal institutions
- Schools not currently in the Second Chance Pell experiment and interested in participating beginning with the 2019-2020 award year must submit a letter of interest *no later than September 17, 2019*
- For more information on the submission process and experiment, please review the August 3, 2015 federal notice and the May 20, 2019 electronic announcement

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Experimental Sites Initiatives

5/20/19 – FWS Experiment

- Pre-publication copy of the Federal Register
- Remove limits on the portion of an institution's FWS funds that may support students employed by private-sector companies, increase the number of hours per week an FWS student who is enrolled in a work-based learning program may work, reduce the share of wages that must be covered by private-sector employers, and allow institutions to pay low-income students for work experiences required by their program of study
- Letters of interest from schools must be submitted no later than 45 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register

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Items to Avoid with Financial Aid Offers

4/15/19 – Electronic Announcement

- ED guidance on what schools should avoid when issuing financial aid offers:
 - Avoid calling your financial aid offer an "award" and avoid calling it a "letter"
 - Avoid issuing a financial aid offer that does not include cost of attendance
 - Avoid listing the cost of attendance without breaking it down into clear components
 - Avoid listing grant and/or scholarship aid, loans, and work-study together
 - Avoid listing student loans without clarifying the source (federal, state, institutional, or private)
 - Avoid listing Parent PLUS loans with student loans
 - Avoid issuing a financial aid offer without CRITICAL next steps
 - Avoid issuing a financial aid offer without net cost calculated

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myFAFSA Enhancements

March 22, 2019 – Electronic Announcement

- Customize messaging based on user role – student, parent or preparer
- Users no longer instructed to provide a touch signature (manual signature using a finger on the screen) and will now have the opportunity to provide active agreement to the terms and conditions on the Agreement of Terms view
- The Social Security Number (SSN) field on the Student Identifiers view will now be masked for heightened security

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FSA ID Enhancements

March 20, 2019 – Electronic Announcement

- FSA ID users will be able to log in with a *verified mobile phone number* as an alternative to a username or verified email address
- Password change only required after a security event
- Special characters in password will be optional
- Warn users when account will be locked out (limited number of attempts)

May 16, 2019 – Electronic Announcement (as of May 19, 2019)

- New FSA ID users required to provide verified email address or mobile phone number (existing users prompted to provide if none exist)
- All security challenge questions will be chosen from a predetermined list
- Editable summary page

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Proration of Payment Period Charges

March 5, 2019 – Electronic Announcement

- Provides guidance and a series of Q & As around when and how to prorate costs associated with books, supplies and equipment when a school charges these costs upfront for periods greater than a payment period
- Guidance includes:
 - Discussion around when a student has a real and reasonable opportunity to purchase books elsewhere (including online options)
 - Institutional vs. non-institutional charges
 - Specific proration procedures
 - R2T4 considerations

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SAVE Third Step Verification Update

2/14/19 – Electronic Announcement

- A new field was added to *FAA Access to CPS Online* in Corrections, “Resend Record to Matches”
 - FAAs can use this field to resend a student’s record to matching agencies and generate a new ISIR
 - If the student’s eligibility is not confirmed, a *new DHS verification number is provided* to resubmit the third step verification request through SAVE
- New process replaces the “Requesting a new DHS Verification Number” section of SAVE Instructions for School Users 2.0 document

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2019-2020 College Financing Plan

1/16/19 – Electronic Announcement

- *Shopping Sheet renamed College Financing Plan*
- New College Financing Plan template is part of Beta Testing
 - Schools not required to use but if implemented, please provide comments to shoppingsheet@ed.gov no later than April 1, 2019
- Attached to EA are the HTML specifications, institutional metric data file, the technical guide, FAQs and the Plan template
- 2020-2021 College Financing Plan to include additional data elements and a new responsive design and the ability to customize colors of the College Financing Plan to match those of your institution

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2020-2021 Draft FAFSA Form

4/3/19 – Federal Register

- Interested persons are invited to provide comments on the *2020-2021 FAFSA form* and related documents
- To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> and search Docket ID number ED– 2019–ICCD–0039
- All comments need to be submitted by June 3, 2019

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Campus-Based Deadline Dates

1/24/19 – Federal Register

- A listing of the Campus-Based Program deadline dates for 2018-2019 expenditures and the 2020-2021 request including:
 - Campus-Based Reallocation Form for return of 18/19 funds and request for supplemental FWS funds for 19/20 award year (August 12, 2019)
 - 2020-2021 FISAP (October 1, 2019)
 - 2020–21 FISAP Edit Corrections (December 13, 2019)
 - Request for a waiver of the 2020–21 award year penalty for the underuse of 2018–19 award year funds (Feb. 3, 2020)
 - Request for a waiver of the FWS Community Service Expenditure Requirement for the 2020–21 award year (April 20, 2020)

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2018-2019 Deadline Dates

12/4/18 – Federal Register

- A listing of deadline dates for the receipt of documents and other information from applicants and institutions participating in certain Federal student aid programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), for the 2018–2019 award year
 - Includes deadlines for FAFSA processing, ISIR corrections, verification documentation and Title IV origination and disbursement records

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Payment Vehicle Account Program Pilot

10/17/18 – Federal Register

- Pilot will consist of implementers, voluntary schools and students intended to guide a student-focused electronic Payment Vehicle Account Program with direct connectivity, through integration with FSA's myStudentAid Super Portal Mobile App
- Vehicle Account Program is designed to:
 - Provide a no-fee Payment Vehicle Account to participating Customers
 - Streamline school processing of credit balances (TIV and other funds)
 - Continuously promote FSA to customers via myStudentAid Mobile App
- Pilot intended to run through December 2020

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FSA Publications Distribution

- As of Aug. 31, 2018, FSA no longer prints or delivers FSA publications (except for the FAFSA form).
- Publications will still be available electronically
 - <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp>
 - <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources>
 - <https://ifap.ed.gov/ifap/>
 - <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>

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Federal Student Aid E- Training (FSA E-Training)

<https://fsatraining.ed.gov>

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2019 Federal Student Aid Training Conference

We look forward to seeing you at the FSATC in Reno, NV
Dec. 3 – Dec. 6, 2019 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center

Watch IFAP for more information
as the date approaches



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Additional Contact Information

CODSupport@ed.gov; 800-848-0978

- Questions related to the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System, the Campus-Based programs, or Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant, Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, and Direct Loan processing

nslds@ed.gov; 800-999-8219

- Questions related to NSLDS functions such as student eligibility, overpayments, loan history, and enrollment reporting

CPSSAIG@ed.gov; 800-330-5947

- Questions related to the Central Processing System (CPS), the Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG), FAA Access to CPS Online, and assistance with software products such as EDconnect and EDExpress

edcaps.user@ed.gov; 888-336-8930

- Questions related to GS, the Department of Education's electronic system for grants management and payments

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Training Feedback

To ensure quality training we ask all participants to please fill out an online session evaluation

- All registrants for this session will receive an email with a link to an electronic evaluation that we ask you to complete
- This feedback tool will provide a means to educate and inform areas for improvement and support an effective process for "listening" to our customers
- To register, please go to: <https://cvent.me/oV1yK>

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Federal Update

Ask A Fed goes online!

FSA has implemented a new resource to assist Financial Aid Administrators obtain guidance about the FSA programs. Based on the popularity and effectiveness of the Ask A Fed desk at the annual FSA Training Conference, we have instituted a similar process using email. Please send your inquiries about Title IV regulations to AskAFed@ed.gov



The Ask A Fed email box is staffed every business day by a team of FSA Training Officers and they are ready to assist schools with their questions.

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