



FAFSA, FSA ID, and other Federal Updates

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FSA ID

What is the FSA ID?

Enhancements to the FSA ID process were implemented by ED on April 14, 2019:

- Log in with a verified mobile phone number
- Warn users who enter an email address when they will likely lose access
- Remove the 18-month password update requirement
- Remove the requirement for special characters in the FSA ID password
- Warn users when their account is about to be locked

FSA ID Tips

- Have students verify their phone number and email as soon as possible
- Keep your account information up to date
- Only the owner of an FSA ID should create or use the account
- Users must be at least 13 years old to have an FSA ID
- You can temporarily disable your FSA ID

FAFSA Updates - Accessibility

- New web location starting with 2020-21 FAFSA
- FAFSA on the Web is now mobile-friendly
 - Responsive Web Application effort means web pages are easily read on a variety of electronic devices.
- myStudentAid mobile app has been updated with new features and is now more user-friendly

FAFSA Updates – IRS Changes

- FAFSA form updated to reflect changes to 2018 IRS tax forms
 - Questions on the type of tax return filed modified to remove IRS 1040A/EZ response
 - New questions 35 and 82 (replace 33 and 80) tweaked to address Automatic Zero and Simplified Needs Test EFC calculations
 - IRS forms 1040NR and 1040NR-EZ added to foreign tax return response
 - Exemptions questions removed
 - IRS combined untaxed portions of IRA distributions and untaxed pensions and annuities
 - No changes to IRS DRT

FAFSA Updates – 2021-22 Form

- Draft 2017-18 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 27, 2016
- Draft 2018-19 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 20, 2017
- Draft 2019-20 FAFSA – Could not locate when draft was made available
- Draft 2020-21 FAFSA was made available for comment on April 5, 2019

FAFSA Updates – 2021-22 Form

As of a communication exchange with Education Department on June 24, 2020, no 2021-2022 FAFSA draft has been made available for review or comment

- As such, we do not yet know of any changes to the FAFSA form that will be made available to students on October 1, 2020.

Federal Update

- Reauthorization is dead
- Small bills may pass
- Next stimulus package
 - Timing
 - Content
- Other Items