



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

FINANCIAL AID DEVELOPMENTS – MARCH 2022

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FSA ENFORCEMENT BULLETIN – SERVICEMEMBER AND VETERAN RECRUITMENT

Electronic Announcement [GENERAL-22-14](#) announced its intent to *curb deceptive recruitment and enrollment practices* targeting veterans, servicemembers, or their families through enforcement measures, including limitation or termination of Title IV program participation, for institutions found to substantially misrepresent themselves. Misrepresentations subject to action include educational programs, financial charges, or post-graduation employability. See the EA for allegations made against some institutions by veterans and servicemembers.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAX PAYER LOSSES

A U.S. Department of Education [press release](#) dated March 23, 2022 announced updated steps to hold the companies that own institutions liable for funds owed to the federal government due to closed school loan discharges and borrower defense to repayment claims.

GUIDANCE & OPERATIONS

Federal Registers, Dear Colleague Letters, and Electronic Announcements regarding guidance and operational information for federal financial aid programs and award years.

- [FSA Letter to FFEL Program Participants – Responsibilities to Borrowers Seeking to Benefit from the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program \(EA FFEL-22-01\)](#)
- [StudentAid.gov Enhancements and Modifications Starting March 2022 \(EA GENERAL-22-19\)](#)
- [REVISED 2022-2023 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules \(DCL GEN-22-04\)](#)
- [2022–23 Final Funding Authorizations for the Campus-Based Programs \(EA CB-22-08\)](#)
- [Volume 3 – Calculating Awards and Packaging \[2021-2022 Federal Student Aid Handbook\] \(EA GENERAL-22-17\)](#)
- [Updated Program Participation Agreement Signature Requirements for Entities Exercising Substantial Control Over Non-Public Institutions of Higher Education \(EA GENERAL-22-16\)](#)
- [Comment Request: Public Service Loan Forgiveness Reconsideration Request \(87 FR 15415\)](#)

- [Public Comment Period: Notice of a new Computer Match Agreement \(CMA\) with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\) \(87 FR 14844\)](#)
- [Comment Request: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program \(Direct Loan Program\) Promissory Notes and Related Forms \(87 FR 14525\)](#)
- [Comment Request: Cancer Treatment Deferment \(87 FR 12943\)](#)
- [Comment Request: Student Assistance General Provisions-Financial Assistance for Students with Intellectual Disabilities \(87 FR 12679\)](#)
- [Income Share Agreements and Private Education Loan Requirements \(EA GENERAL-22-12\)](#)
- [Comment Request: Third Party Authorization Form \(87 FR 11419\)](#)

INFORMATION & TRAINING

Federal Registers, Dear Colleague Letters, and Electronic Announcements regarding federal financial aid informational sessions, learning opportunities, and published reports.

- [Federal Student Aid Posts Quarterly Portfolio Reports to FSA Data Center \(EA GENERAL-22-21\)](#)
- [2022 Federal Student Aid Training Conference – Coming to You Virtually, Nov. 29–Dec. 1, 2022 \(EA GENERAL-22-20\)](#)
- [Joint Cybersecurity Advisory - 2021 Trends Show Increased Globalized Threat of Ransomware \(EA GENERAL-22-11\)](#)

SYSTEM UPDATES & SOFTWARE

Federal Registers, Dear Colleague Letters, and Electronic Announcements regarding federal student aid systems and software.

- [SAIG Message Class File \(March 25, 2022\)](#)
- [2022–2023 COD Technical Reference \(Final\) \(March 2022 Update\)](#)
- [COD System Implementation for 2022–23 Award Year \(EA COD-22-01\)](#)
- [NSLDS GA TEF File \(March 7, 2022\)](#)
- [Perkins TEF File \(March 7, 2022\)](#)
- [SAIG Message Class File Instructions \(March 4, 2022\); see also Quarterly SAIG Message Class File Update \(EA GENERAL-22-13\)](#)