



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

FINANCIAL AID DEVELOPMENTS – DECEMBER 2021

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EXTENSION OF STUDENT LOAN MORATORIUM

In a [press release](#) dated December 22, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education announced a 90-day extension to the student loan moratorium that includes a pause on payments, interest, and defaulted loan collections. The extension runs through May 1, 2022.

MANDATORY SAIG SOFTWARE UPGRADE DEADLINE SET

Electronic Announcement [GENERAL-21-87](#) announced the revised deadline of February 20, 2022 for SAIG users to upgrade to EDconnect 8.5 or the current version of TDClient. After the 20th, older software versions will no longer connect to the gateway. The EA also provided workarounds for four reported EDconnect 8.5 issues.

2021–22 NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING UPDATE

The Affordability and Student Loans Committee held its final session December 6-10. In a second round of negotiated rulemaking, the Institutional and Programmatic Eligibility Committee will address seven additional topics – the 90/10 rule, ability to benefit, Title IV participation certification procedures, institutional financial responsibility, gainful employment, and administrative capability standards –

during three virtual sessions in early 2022: January 18-21, February 14-18, and March 14-18. As with the first round, viewers must register daily to access the virtual meeting and the last 30 minutes will be reserved for public comments and questions. Access updates, registration, documents, and session recordings on the [Negotiated Rulemaking for Higher Education 2021-22](#) webpage. See the December 8, 2021 Federal Register ([86 FR 69607](#)) for the intent to establish rulemaking committee announcement.

2021 FSA TRAINING CONFERENCE

The 2021 Annual FSA Training Conference concluded on December 2nd. Sessions will be available on-demand on the [conference platform](#) until March 2, 2022; please note that [registration](#) is required to access the platform. After March 2nd, sessions will transition to the [FSA Conference](#) website. The website also houses downloadable PowerPoints from the 2021 conference sessions plus session recordings for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 conferences. See Electronic Announcement [GENERAL-21-82](#) for additional information.

GUIDANCE & OPERATIONS

Federal Registers, Dear Colleague Letters, and Electronic Announcements regarding guidance and operational information for

federal financial aid programs and award years.

- [William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Reconciliation \(EA DL-21-06\)](#)
- [COD School Testing for the 2022–23 Award Year \(EA COD-21-11\)](#)
- [Information about Designation as a Title III or Title V Institution and Waiver Requests of the Non-Federal Share Requirement for the Campus-Based Programs \(December 20, 2021\)](#)
- [Access Removed for Unconfirmed TG Numbers \(SAIG Mailboxes\) and Electronic Services User Accounts \(EA GENERAL-21-85\)](#)
- [Guidance About Use of Protected Brands and Official Government Names, Logos, or Insignia \(EA GENERAL-21-84\)](#)
- [2021-2022 SAR Comment Codes and Text Guide \(Updated Dec. 14, 2021\)](#)
- [2021-2022 ISIR Guide \(Updated Dec. 14, 2021\)](#)
- [Guidance for FFEL and Perkins Loan Program Participants on the Limited Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver \(DCL GEN-21-09\)](#)

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 \(EA GENERAL-21-88\)](#)
- [Updated Course Offerings – EDEXpress Training Course \(DCL ANN-21-12\)](#)

SYSTEM UPDATES & SOFTWARE

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

- [2021-2022 EDE Technical Reference \(July 2020 Update\)\(Updated Dec. 15, 2021\)](#)
- [Perkins TEF File \(December 10, 2021\)](#)
- [NSLDS GA TEF File \(December 10, 2021\)](#)
- [SAIG Message Class File \(December 10, 2021\)](#)
- [2022–2023 COD Technical Reference \(Final\) Now Available \(EA COD-21-09\)](#)
- [Additional COD System Implementation for 2021–22 Award Year \(December 2021\) \(EA COD-21-08\)](#)