

# Volume I, Section 2 - COD Overview of Changes from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007

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## Overview of Changes from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007

The following tables provide an overview of the changes made from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007 for Common Origination and Disbursement. The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Added, Modified, and Removed. The first column provides a description of each change. The second, third, fourth and fifth columns indicate if the change affects the Pell Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant, or Direct Loan Program respectively.

**Note:** The COD Technical Reference is being updated to introduce the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant, and the PLUS loan for graduate and professional student borrowers (Grad PLUS) as provided by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (the HERA). In regards to Grad PLUS, the HERA provision does not create a new loan program, but, rather introduces a new type of borrower – an eligible graduate or professional student – to borrow under the existing Direct PLUS Loan Program. The COD System processes Grad PLUS for the 2005-2006 award year and forward, and processes the two new Grant programs for the 2006-2007 award year and forward.

The implementation of Grad PLUS, and the ACG and National SMART Programs is occurring in five phases beginning on July 1, 2006 and lasting through April 2007. The July 1st implementation enables Grad PLUS student borrowers to submit both a paper and electronic PLUS Master Promissory Note, and enables schools to confirm paper and electronic MPN acceptance, initiate credit checks, and/or receive credit decisions for Grad PLUS borrowers using the COD Web site. The July 29<sup>th</sup> implementation provides initial funding for schools participating in the ACG and National SMART Programs. These schools also receive an ESOA report when Current Funding Level (CFL) changes occur. The August

12<sup>th</sup> implementation enables schools to submit award and disbursement information to the COD System for Grad PLUS borrowers. The December 16<sup>th</sup> implementation enables schools to submit award and disbursement information to the COD System for the ACG and National SMART Programs. Finally, the April 2007 implementation provides some ACG and National SMART reports, and introduces a new Direct Loan discharge type for Identity theft, and changes to Direct Loan origination fees and loan limits.

The COD Technical Reference will be updated through this phased implementation to convey processing specific information to COD System users as it becomes available.

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<b>Description</b>	<b>Pell Grant Program</b>	<b>ACG Program</b>	<b>National SMART Program</b>	<b>Direct Loan Program</b>
<b>Added (for July 1, 2006 Implementation)</b>				
Master Promissory Note business rules PLUS Loans made by graduate student borrowers (Grad PLUS).				X
Credit check borrower processing specific to Grad PLUS.				X
HERA Addendum for Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan MPN				X
HERA Addendum for Direct PLUS Loan MPN				X
Revised Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Plain Language Disclosure (PLD)				X
Revised Direct PLUS Loan Plain Language Disclosure (PLD)				X

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<b>Added (for July 29, 2006 Implementation)</b>				
Funding Method information for the ACG and National SMART Programs.		X	X	
ESOA Report and print specifications for the ACG and National SMART Programs.		X	X	

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Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Program	Direct Loan Program
<b>Modified (for August 12, 2006 Implementation)</b>				
Direct PLUS Loans – modified to add a graduate or professional student borrower (Grad PLUS). Processing rules for Grad PLUS are identical to PLUS except the student and borrower are the same person.				X
Edit 16 – For award year 2005-2006 and forward, this edit does not apply for PLUS if the student grade level is 6 or higher				X

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Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Program	Direct Loan Program
<b>Added (for December 16, 2006 Implementation)</b>				
<p>Origination and Disbursement Processing for Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business rules</li> <li>• Edits</li> <li>• Message Classes</li> </ul> <p>Key Differences from Pell: Schools must submit the Financial Award ID and Financial Number tags for origination and disbursement processing, COD will not correct data, and there is no POP.</p>		X		
<p>Origination and Disbursement Processing for National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Rules</li> <li>• Edits</li> <li>• Message Classes</li> </ul> <p>Key Differences from Pell: Schools must submit the Financial Award ID and Financial Number tags for origination and disbursement processing, COD will not correct data, and there is no POP.</p>			X	

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<b>Added (for December 16, 2006 Implementation)</b>				
Introduce Schema Version 2.0e.	X*	X	X	X*
Created a new section: Volume V, Section 3: HERA School Testing Guide		X	X	X
Created a new section: Volume V, Section 4: HERA Test Cases		X	X	X
Created a new section: Volume VI, Section 9: Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study, and Eligible Majors		X	X	

\* ALL system generated responses are returned in Schema Version 2.0e.

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Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Program	Direct Loan Program
<b>Added (for April 14, 2007 Implementation)</b>				
ACG and National SMART Reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headers and Trailers</li> <li>• Data Requests</li> <li>• Multiple Reporting Record (MRR) – only for concurrent enrollment</li> <li>• Reconciliation Report</li> <li>• Year-to-Date Record</li> <li>• Pending Disbursement</li> </ul> ACG and National SMART data added to the Pell SSN/Name/DOB Change Report to be a combined Grant SSN/Name/DOB Change Report	X	X	X	
Deobligation of ACG or National SMART funds for “No Pell”		X	X	
Apply five more existing COD Edits for ACG and National SMART		X	X	
Return MPN Expiration Date in Response Block <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New tag &lt;MPNExpirationDate&gt;</li> </ul>				X

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<b>Added (for April 14, 2007 Implementation)</b>				
Changes to Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan Limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New tag &lt;PreprofessionalCourseworkIndicator&gt;</li> </ul>				X
Changes to Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized Origination Fees				X
New Direct Loan discharge type for Identity Theft				X

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Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Program	Direct Loan Program
<b>Modified</b>				
Updated all Award Year indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Message Classes</li> <li>Valid date ranges</li> </ul>	X	NA	NA	X
Beginning on March 13, 2006, Master Promissory Notes (MPN) created on the electronic MPN web site contain "07" in the MPN ID, and an eMPN acknowledgement is sent to schools with message class CRPN07OP.		NA	NA	X
<DisbursementDate> Field 83 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Pell Grant, changed the first valid Disbursement Date to 7/1/2006 (6/21/2005 in 2005-2006)</li> </ul>	X	NA	NA	
Changed the layout/presentation of the Combination System Record Layouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added column heading: Field #</li> <li>Combined Field Name and Description into single column</li> </ul>	X	NA	NA	X

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<b>Removed</b>				
All “Nearest Corresponding Phase-In Participant Edits” (formerly the last column in the Edits section – Volume II, Section 4)	X	NA	NA	X
Edit 10 “Phase-In Schools cannot submit Common Record Documents” – this edit was valid for AY 2002-2003 only	X	NA	NA	X
Edit 96 “Total Disbursed amount cannot be greater than the lesser of the Award Amount or the Loan Amount Requested” – this edit was valid for AY 2002-2003 only		NA	NA	X
Edit 112 “The loan amount on the PLUS Promissory Note is less than the sum of the accepted disbursements for this PLUS award” – this edit was valid for AY 2002-2003 only		NA	NA	X

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