
Overview of Changes from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010



This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2009-2010 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning March 2009.

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Added, Modified, and Removed. The first column provides a description of each change. The remaining columns indicate which programs the change will affect.

Additions to Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TEACH Initial/Subsequent Counseling | | | | | ✓ |
| TEACH School Reports | | | | | ✓ |
| Mask SSN on Correspondence | | | | ✓ | |
| TEACH Closeout | | | | | ✓ |
| Edits | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pell Cost of Attendance | ✓ | | | | |
| Removal of QA School Exemption | ✓ | | | | |
| Interest Rebate Reduction | | | | ✓ | |
| Loan Limit Changes | | | | ✓ | |
| ECASLA Impacts | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| Schema Updates | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Edits | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| N/A | - | - | - | - | - |

Additions to COD for 2009-2010

As a result of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program was made available to eligible students, beginning with the 2008-2009 Award Year. The following changes will be implemented in the COD System beginning March 2009 to accommodate the new grant program and enhance functionality for existing grant and loan programs.

TEACH Initial/Subsequent Counseling

As part of the TEACH grant program, a new website for the Agreement to Serve (ATS), which services the TEACH grant, was implemented in June 2008. It will be required for students to successfully complete TEACH Grant Counseling via the TEACH Grant-ATS website prior to submitting an ATS beginning in Award Year 2009-2010 and forward. Counseling for Award year 2008-2009 must be done by the school prior to the student submitting an ATS via the website. It will be required for students to successfully complete TEACH Grant Counseling prior to submitting an ATS beginning in Award Year 2009-2010 and forward. The website will inform students about the TEACH Grant Counseling process, allow them to complete TEACH Grant Counseling via a final evaluation quiz, and view previously submitted TEACH Grant Counseling sessions.

The COD system will receive, store, and process TEACH Grant Counseling data and will send TEACH Grant Counseling Acknowledgements to schools at which the student has a TEACH Award.

TEACH School Reports

Beginning March 2009, the COD system will create the following new school reports for TEACH program:

- TEACH Rebuild
- Data Requested TEACH MRR
- ATS Discharge

Mask SSN on Correspondence

Currently, correspondence documents sent to the borrower/student includes the borrower/student SSN which can be displayed independently or as part of an Award ID or Master Promissory Note (MPN) ID. An Award ID or MPN ID utilizes the borrower/student nine-digit SSN in conjunction with the award type or MPN type, award year, school code, and a unique sequence number. The Award ID or MPN ID is used to identify the borrower/student and is pulled into both legal and non-legal documentation. The following non legal documents are currently produced with the unmasked SSN displayed independently or as part of the Award ID/MPN ID:

For more information regarding TEACH Grant report layouts, please reference *Volume VI, Section 8 – COD Reports*. The message classes for the TEACH Grant reports are listed in *Volume II, Section 3 – Message Classes*.

For more information regarding SSN Masking on Correspondence, please reference *Volume VI, Section 6 – Print Specifications and Forms*.

- Cover Letters (Cover letters are printed with the Award ID)
- Disclosure Statements (Disclosure statements are printed with the Borrower/student SSN and Award ID)

Beginning March 2009, the SSN, Award ID, and MPN ID will be displayed and formatted on non-legal documents like the examples provided below.

- SSN: xxx-xx-0294
- Award ID: xxxxxx0294S09G09811001
- MPN ID: xxxxxx0294M09G09811001

The following legal documents are currently produced with the unmasked SSN and should continue to be produced in this format:

- Master Promissory Notes (MPNs are produced with SSN and MPN ID)
- Endorser Addendums

TEACH Closeout

At the end of each award year, schools have to perform closeout activities in order to confirm that they have reconciled all cash and disbursements and completed processing for an award year. Beginning March 2009, the COD System will implement TEACH Closeout functionality to allow schools participating in the TEACH Grant Program to close out for the 2008-2009 Award Year and forward. Extended Processing system functionality, which will allow schools to continue to reconcile after the closeout date, will also be incorporated.

For more information regarding the TEACH Closeout process and Extended Processing functionality, please reference *Volume II, Section 1 – Implementation Guide*.

Two Pell Grants in one Award Year

Beginning June 2009, students will be eligible for two Pell Grants in one Award Year. The following are the impacts of this legislation change:

- A new field will be added called the <Additional Eligibility Indicator> (AEI). This indicator specifies whether or not a student is eligible for additional Pell Grants.
- If the AEI is true, Pell eligible students will be able to receive up to \$10,700 in the 2009-2010 Award Year.
- If the AEI is not submitted or false, Pell eligible students will be able to receive up to \$5,350 in the 2009-2010 Award Year.
- The maximum Pell EFC is 4617.
- For more information, please see *Volume 6, Section 3, 2009-2010 Pell Payment Schedule*.
- Beginning June 27, 2009, the Additional Eligibility Indicator will be present on the Pell POP report, the Pell Multiple Reporting Record (MRR), the Pell Reconciliation file, and the Pell Year-to-Date record. This will impact these reports for the

2009-2010 Award Year and forward. For more information about these reports, please see *Vol 6, Sec 8, COD Reports*.

Maximum Pell for Post 9/11 Dependents of Deceased Veterans

Beginning June 2009, Pell eligible students who are dependents of military who died as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 will be eligible for the maximum Pell award as if they had a zero EFC. The following are the impacts of this legislation change:

- A new web field will be added called the <Post 9-11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator>. This indicator specifies whether or not a student is the dependent of an armed forces member who died as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan after 9/11/2001.

Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used

Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) of Pell awards will be calculated for “First Time Pell Recipients,” defined as “students who received their first actual Pell disbursements in the 2008-2009 Award Year or forward.” These calculations are made real time and displayed on the COD web. The following are the impacts of this legislation change:

- LEU will only be calculated for students who are identified as “First Time Pell Recipients.”

If the citizenship status is determined by using the CPS data, it will be stored on the COD system, but will not be returned on the Common Record Response.

Citizenship Status Code Processing

The COD System will be updated to apply more consistent edit logic for the Citizenship Status Code for ACG, National SMART Grant, and Pell Grant awards. The Citizenship Status Code will be evaluated in the same manner across all the grant programs.

- If the Citizenship Status Code field is not populated on the incoming origination records, the COD System will now evaluate the values from the CPS data. The COD System will evaluate the value in the Social Security Administration (SSA) Citizenship Flag field, and if necessary, the DHS Match Flag field and the Secondary DHS Match Flag field.
- If the Citizenship Status Code field is not populated on the incoming origination record, but the citizenship status can be determined from the CPS data, the COD System will use it to accept and build the award.
- If the Citizenship Status Code field is not populated on the incoming origination record, and the citizenship status cannot be determined from the CPS data, the COD System will reject the award.

Edits

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edit starting March 2009:

Edit 167

Edit 167, “Sum of Subsidized Awards exceeds the Subsidized Loan Limit,” will be returned when a Subsidized loan is submitted that causes the sum of award amounts for all Subsidized loans for that student at that school to exceed the Subsidized Loan Limit OR when an actual disbursement on a Subsidized award is submitted that causes the total disbursement amount for that student across all schools to exceed the Subsidized Loan Limit.

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edits starting June 2009:

Edit 168

Edit 168, “Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator is marked as ‘true’ on the COD system,” will be returned to notify that the post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator has been marked as `true`.

Edit 171

Edit 171, “School is not eligible for two Pell awards within the same year,” will be returned when ineligible schools submit Pell records with the AEI equal to `true`.

Edit 172

Edit 172, “Incorrect Award Amount when Additional Eligibility Indicator is `true`,” will be returned when the Award amount exceeds double the student Scheduled Federal Pell Grant and the Additional Eligibility Indicator = `true`.

Edit 173

Edit 173, “Additional Eligibility Indicator changed to `false` and Award Amount exceeds the maximum limit,” will be returned when the Additional Eligibility Indicator is changed from `true` to `false` and the Award amount is greater than the student’s Scheduled Federal Pell Grant.

Edit 174

Edit 174, “Additional Eligibility Indicator changed to `false` and the award is now in Overpaid status,” will be returned when the Additional Eligibility Indicator is changed from `true` to `false` and the Award amount was corrected to lower than the funded disbursement.

Edit 175

Edit 175, “Additional Eligibility Indicator changed to `false` and the Percentage of Total Eligibility Used exceeds 100 at all schools for Pell in that award year,” will be returned if Pell disbursements for a student have been received for two or more schools.

Edit 176

Edit 176, “Percentage of Total Eligibility Used” exceeds 200.00 plus tolerance when the Additional Eligibility Indicator is `true` for one or more schools in the Award Year.

Edit 177

Edit 177, “Lifetime Percentage of Eligibility Used is near the lifetime limit,” will be returned when a student’s Lifetime Eligibility Used is within 750% and 900%.

Edit 178

Edit 178, “Lifetime Percentage of Eligibility Used has exceeded the lifetime limit,” will be returned when a student’s Lifetime Eligibility Used has exceeded 900%.

Modifications to COD for 2009-2010

Pell Cost of Attendance

Currently when the COD system receives a Pell correcting school's Common Record with no <AttendanceCost> tag, the COD system places a default value of \$99,999.99 in the Cost of Attendance field, returns a Correcting Edit 993 (Missing Value), and accepts the Common Record. Beginning in March 2009, the COD System will place no default value of \$99,999.99 in the Cost of Attendance field; it will return a Rejecting Edit 994 (Missing Value), and will reject the Common Record at both correcting and rejecting schools for all Award Years.

Removal of QA School Exemption for Verification W Global Jobs

Currently, the COD System exempts QA Schools from the Verification W process. Schools are allowed to make Pell Grant disbursements to students without the required application documentation. The school submits the student's record to COD and indicates the student is being accepted "without documentation" (W). Prior to the end of the award year, the required documentation must be completed by the student and the school must notify FSA that verification is complete. If the verification process has not been completed for a student prior to the end of the award year, FSA may reduce that student's disbursements to zero.

Beginning March 2009, the COD System will no longer exempt QA Schools from the Verification W process and will include QA Schools in Verification 'W' processing. Edits 061, 064, 114, 145 and 146 will be applied to awards and disbursements submitted by QA Schools as well as all other schools currently included in Verification 'W' processing. QA Schools will follow Verification 'W' business processing and rules.

Interest Rebate Reduction

Currently, the COD System does not verify or store the amount submitted in the <InterestRebatePercent> tag of Sub/Unsub award types. Currently all Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized awards have an associated Interest Rebate of 1.5%, regardless of award year.

Beginning in March 2009, the COD System will implement new functionality affecting the Interest Rebate Percent. The Interest Rebate Percent will vary depending on the Interest Rebate Period in which the Earliest Disbursement Date (EDD) falls. As a result, the COD System will begin to verify and store the value submitted in the <InterestRebatePercent> tag of Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized award types.

Edits 78 and 140-144 will be modified so that awards with Interest Rebate Percentages that are inconsistent with the Earliest Disbursement Date will be rejected by the COD system.

For more information regarding the Interest Rebate Reduction changes, please reference *Volume II, Section 1 – Implementation Guide* as well as *Volume II, Section 4 – Edits*.

Loan Limit Changes

New Direct Loan awards originated with an EDD of July 1, 2008 or later will be eligible to receive the new Loan Limits, which were increased by \$2,000.00 for undergraduate students. Subsequently, the following new loan limits will be implemented:

- Subsidized Loan Limit
- Dependent Combination Base Loan Limit
- Additional Unsubsidized Loan Limit

PPCI Loan Limit and HPPA Loan Limit will remain the same and are unaffected by these changes. Additionally, loan limits for graduate students (who have a student level code of 6 or 7) are unaffected.

For more information about these tags, please refer to the *Implementation Guide* section of this technical reference.

Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act (ECASLA) Impacts

Beginning with the 2009-2010 Award Year, “2” (eligible non-citizens) will be accepted as a valid value for Citizenship Status Code for the ACG and National SMART Grant programs.

Beginning with the 2009-2010 Award Year, Grade Level 5 will be accepted as a valid value for National SMART Grants. Edits 123, 132, 134, and 136 have been updated to include Grade Level 5.

Schema Changes

The schema version has been updated from version 3.0a to 3.0b. In addition to minor valid value changes, the new schema version will include an additional Counseling complex element and new tags in the Pell complex element.

Addition of Counseling Complex Element

The Counseling complex element includes the new <Counseling> tag and contains the following new elements:

- <FinancialAwardYear>
- <CounselingType>
- <CounselingSequenceNumber>
- <CounselingCompleteDate>

For more information about these tags, please refer to the *Common Record Layout* section of this technical reference.

Counseling Types

Counseling Type will have a value of TEACHCounseling for all initial/subsequent TEACH Grant Counseling sessions.

Changes to Pell complex Element

The following tags, contained within the <Pell> tag, have been added:

- <FinancialAwardID>
- <FinancialAwardNumber>
- <AdditionalEligibilityIndicator>

For more information about these tags, please refer to the *Common Record Layout* section of this technical reference.

Edits

Beginning March 2009, the COD system will employ new logic when returning the following edits:

Edit 14

The COD system currently accepts a Citizenship Status Code of 1 when submitting ACG and National SMART Grant awards. The COD system will begin accepting 2 as a valid value for Citizenship Status Code.

Edits 123, 132, 134, 136

The COD system will begin accepting Student Level of 5 when submitting National SMART Grant awards.

New Pell tags not used

Please note that although support has been added for these three tags that will be added to the Pell complex element for schema version 3.0b, the COD system will not validate, store, or return values submitted in the Financial Award ID or Financial Award number fields. AEI applies to the 2009-2010 Award Year and forward after July 1, 2009.

Removals from COD for 2009-2010

No functionality has been removed from the COD System for the 2009-2010 Award Year.