
Overview of Changes from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012



This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2011-2012 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning February 2011.

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2010-2011 to 2011-2012

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
Edits	✓			✓	✓
PLUS Application				✓	
Ability to Benefit	✓			✓	✓
Program of Study				✓	
Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Report				✓	

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Direct Loan School Account Statement				✓	

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Cessation of ACG and SMART		✓	✓		
Direct Loan Funded Disbursement Listing Report				✓	
Two Pell Grants in an Award Year	✓				

Additions to COD for 2011-2012

Direct Loan MPN Report

The Direct Loan Completed MPN Report shows all MPNs from your school that have been completed within the past week (i.e. within the last 7 days of the report run date). This report will allow your school to identify students who have completed MPNs.

Direct Loan PLUS Application Report

The Direct Loan PLUS Application Report shows all PLUS Loan Requests from your school that have been completed within the past week (i.e. within the last 7 days of the report run date). This report will allow your school to identify students who have completed PLUS Loan Requests.

Direct Loan Actual Disbursement List

Beginning in October 2011, the COD System will begin generating and transmitting The Direct Loan Actual Disbursement List. The Direct Loan Actual Disbursement List shows all actual disbursements or actual disbursement adjustments from your school that have been accepted within the past week (i.e. within the last 7 days of the report run date).

Ability to Benefit

Beginning with the 2011-2012 Award Year, the COD System will be updated to receive, process, store, and acknowledge the new Ability to Benefit data elements. The Ability to Benefit data elements may be submitted for all program types (Direct Loan, Pell, and TEACH).

The following tags will be added to the Common Record starting with the 2011-2012 Award Year:

- `<AbilityToBenefitCode>`
- `<AbilityToBenefitTestAdministratorCode>`
- `<AbilityToBenefitTestCode>`
- `<AbilityToBenefitCompletionDate>`
- `<AbilityToBenefitStateCode>`

Program of Study

Beginning with the 2011-2012 Award Year, the COD system will include the <ProgramOfStudy> tag in the Common Record submissions and responses. Program of Study is a required field for foreign schools only; the field should not be submitted by domestic schools.

Edits

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edits starting February 2011:

Edit 195

Reject Edit 195, “Missing Ability To Benefit State Code and/or Ability To Benefit Completion Date” will be triggered when a School has submitted an award with an Ability to Benefit Code of 03 and no ‘Ability to Benefit State Code’ and/or ‘Ability to Benefit Completion Date’.

Edit 196

Reject Edit 196, “Invalid Completion Date for the Submitted Ability to Benefit Code” will be triggered when a School has submitted an award with an Ability to Benefit Code of 03 or 01, and an invalid Completion Date for the submitted State or Test Code; or the Completion Date is greater than the Current Processing Date.

Edit 197

Reject Edit 197, “Missing Ability To Benefit Test Administrator Code, and/or Ability To Benefit Test Code, and/or Ability To Benefit Completion Date.” will be triggered when a School has submitted an award with an Ability to Benefit Code of 01, and the following fields were not submitted with a valid value: ‘Ability to Benefit Test Administrator Code’, ‘Ability To Benefit Test Code’, and/or ‘Ability to Benefit Completion Date’.

Edit 198

Reject Edit 198, “Incorrect Ability To Benefit Code submitted” will be triggered when a School has submitted an award with an Ability to Benefit Code of 01, 02, 03, 04 or 05 and additional Ability To Benefit fields are submitted when not required.

Modifications to COD for 2011-2012

Direct Loan School Account Statement SAS

Beginning February 2011, the COD System will be updated to include the 'Servicer Name' field in the following sections of the DL SAS school report for all award years:

- Loan Detail, Loan Level (Fixed Length Record Layout)
 - The Servicer Name will be added from position 166 to position 195
- Loan Detail, Disbursement Activity Level (Fixed Length Record Layout)
 - The Servicer Name will be added from position 147 to position 176
- Loan Level, Loan Detail, Detail Record (Comma Delimited Record Layout-Optional Header Information and Pipe-Delimited Record Layout)
 - The Servicer Name will be added to Column R
- Loan Detail, Disbursement Activity Level (Comma Delimited Record Layout- Optional Header Information and Pipe-Delimited Record Layout)
 - The Servicer Name will be added to Column BB

CPS Matching for PLUS Students

Beginning in July 2011, the COD System will be modified to match student identifier information on PLUS awards against information submitted on the FAFSA.

PLUS Application

The <LoanPeriodStartDate> and <LoanPeriodEndDate> tags on the PLUS Application Acknowledgement will be renamed to <AwardRangeRequestedStartDate> and <AwardRangeRequestedEndDate>.

Beginning in July 2011, the COD system will begin capturing additional data elements as a part of the PLUS Application. The new fields may be included as a part of the PLUS Application acknowledgement. The following tags may be included in the PLUS Application Acknowledgement:

- <SixMonthDefermentOption>
- <SchoolCreditBalanceOption>
- <AwardRangeRequestedStartDate>
- <AwardRangeRequestedEndDate>.

- <DefaultOverpayCode>
- <ApplicationSubmissionReason>
- <PreviousApplicationID>
- <UnknownLoanAmount>

Option to Participate in the StudentLoans.gov Processes

Beginning in July 2011, schools will have the option to select which StudentLoans.gov process to participate in. Schools may select individually to participate in the following existing processes: e-MPN, Entrance Counseling, and the PLUS Loan Request process.

Schools can make their participation selections by navigating to the School Options page on the COD Website.

Additional StudentLoans.gov Options

Beginning in July 2011, schools will have additional options related to the StudentLoans.gov website. The additional options include:

- Determine which individual states to be associated with when the user selects a school on StudentLoans.gov. Select Associated States has replaced the Multiple Locations field. Schools that have previously selected to appear under Multiple States on StudentLoans.gov will be defaulted to be associated with all states.
- Pre-determine award ranges to be selected as a part of the PLUS Loan Request.
- Determine an End Date for the PLUS Loan Request process for each open award year. Dates will be defaulted to one year greater than the Begin Date and rolled forward with each new Award Year.
- Enter a message that will appear to users that have selected their school on StudentLoans.gov. The maximum length of the field is 255 characters

Option to Receive Batch Receipts

Beginning in February 2011, schools and third party servicers will have the option to opt out of receiving XML receipts for Common Record Batches. Schools or third party servicers that wish to opt-out of receiving XML receipts may do so by visiting the school options page on the COD web site. All schools and third party servicers will be defaulted to receive receipts. Users must update the Batch Receipt Option to 'N'

in order to opt-out. Additional information is available in the Implementation Guide of the COD Technical Reference.

Pell Funding Methods

In the 2011 – 2012 Award Year and forward, no initial authorizations will be provided to schools. More information is available in the Funding Methods section of the COD Technical Reference.

Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Report

Beginning in February 2011, COD will produce a new Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Report. This report will be provided to schools via the Direct Loan newsbox of the COD Reporting Web site in CSV format. The report will identify students who have completed entrance counseling via StudentLoans.gov for the school.

Removals from COD 2011-2012

ACG/SMART Programs

Beginning February 2011, the COD System will be updated to remove ACG/SMART Programs for the 2011-2012 award year and forward in all instances. The COD System will not accept 2011-2012 ACG/SMART data. Prior award year ACG and SMART records will be accepted and processed.

2 Pell Grants in an Award Year

The Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 112-10) repealed, effective with the 2011-2012 award year, the Pell Grant provision that provided that an otherwise eligible student could receive more than one Pell Grant in an award year. A school will no longer be able to award or disburse more than 100% of the student's Scheduled Federal Pell Grant (SFPG).

The <AdditionalEligibilityIndicator> tag will remain in the Common Record. However, if a school submits the AEI tag on a 2011-2012 Pell Grant award or maintenance record, the value must be "False". If a school submits the AEI tag with a value of "True," it will receive one of two edits:

- If the school is set up to receive rejects for incorrect data, the COD System will reject the Pell Grant award with COD Reject Edit 996 (Invalid Value). The school must resubmit with the AEI tag value of "False."
- If the school is set up to have corrections applied to incorrect data, the COD System will return COD Correcting Edit 995 (Invalid Value; Correction Applied). In this case, the Pell Grant award will be accepted, the AEI value of "True" will be changed to "False." The new value will

be returned in the response file and stored on the COD System. The award amount may also be reduced to the student's SFPG.

The COD System will continue to process a value of "True" or "False" for the AEI for award years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

For the 2011-2012 Award Year and forward, the Pell Grant Eligibility Used (EU) for a specific student award at one attended school will be capped at 100%. If the Pell Grant Total Eligibility Used (TEU) for a student, across all schools in an award year exceeds 100%, a Potential Overaward Project (POP) will occur and will need to be resolved by the disbursing schools within 30 days. The COD System POP logic will be modified to disregard the AEI for 2011-2012 and forward.