



Common Origination and Disbursement COD Processing Update

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Direct Loan Program

COD News



Unlocking and Resetting COD Web Site Passwords (01/26/07)

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- Step 3: On the Search Results screen, select the name of the user that needs to be unlocked. The User Information screen displays.
- Step 4: Click on the Modify button at the bottom of the User Information screen. The Update User Profile screen displays.
- Step 5: The Locked Out box on the Update User Profile screen contains a checkmark. Click on the Locked Out box to remove the checkmark.
- Step 6: If a new temporary password is not needed, skip this item and go to Step 7. If a new temporary password is needed, enter the new temporary password in the New Password field. Then re-enter the new password in the Re-enter New Password field to confirm. The user will need to change this password to one of his or her choosing.
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Correction/Clarification Alert for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Versions of COD Technical Reference, Volume III, Section 3 (Combination System Record Layouts) Used by EDEExpress Combo Schools (01/22/07)

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Specifically, in an [Electronic Announcement posted on the IFAP Web site](#), Federal Student Aid has corrected/clarified the valid field content for three fields included in the Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant), Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) External Origination Add/Change record layout. The three fields are #37 (College Year), #38 (Eligibility/Payment Reason Code), and #39 (High School Program).

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Reports and Data Requests



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- Direct Loan Rebuild File— Schools in need of this file should contact the COD School Relations Center.



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Except as listed below, all Direct Loan reports and data requests are available as specified in Volume VI, Section 8 of the [2006-2007 COD Technical Reference](#) and Volume VI, Section 8 of the [2005-2006 COD Technical Reference](#) posted on the [IFAP Web site](#). There are issues with the following Direct Loan reports and/or data requests:

- Expired MPN Report—

We have discovered that schools set up to receive the Expired Master Promissory Note (MPN) Report (Message Class MPNINAOP) in the Fixed-length format (146 total bytes) are receiving the report in the Comma-delimited format (996 total bytes) instead. We are currently researching this issue to determine why this is occurring and will keep schools informed through the “COD Processing Update” as we progress with our research.

We apologize for any inconvenience this issue has caused and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to resolve the issue. In the meantime, if you suspect that this situation may have affected your school or if you have any questions, contact the COD School Relations Center. (01/19/07)



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ACG, National SMART Grant, and Pell Grant Programs

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- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Records— The YTD Record can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. Schools also use the YTD Record for the purpose of rebuilding a complete student record or Pell Grant database.
 - For rebuilds for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Award Year, the school can submit the data request via the COD Web site or batch.



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- For rebuilds for the 2004-2005 and earlier award years, the school must contact the COD School Relations Center by e-mail to CODSupport@acs-inc.com. The school should include "Pell YTD" in the subject line. If a school is unable to e-mail its request, it can contact the COD School Relations Center by phone.