



United States Department of Education  
Office of Federal Student Aid  
National Student Loan Data System

**Fiscal Year 2002 Cohort Default Rate Calculations  
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*This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. If that person is not you, please forward this update to the appropriate person.*

**Fiscal Year 2002 Cohort Default Rate Calculations**

NSLDS will calculate draft and official fiscal year (FY) 2002 cohort default rates according to the following schedule:

**Draft FY 2002 rates:**

Calculate—January 10, 2004

Release—February 17, 2004

**Official FY 2002 rates:**

Calculate—July 31, 2004

Release—September 13, 2004

Please provide NSLDS with all changes that may affect these rates prior to these dates. Required updates to borrower records must be a part of your guaranty agency's (GA) regular submittal. NSLDS will not be able to accommodate special GA submissions. Therefore, all cohort default rate corrections must be a part of your scheduled December or January submission for the draft rates, and July or August submission for official rates.

*If you have any questions, please contact the NSLDS Customer Service Center at (800) 999-8219 or e-mail [nsldscoe@raytheon.com](mailto:nsldscoe@raytheon.com).*