



## Technical Update GA-2007-07

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### GA Financial Aid Transcript Batch Request

*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.*

#### **Introduction:**

The purpose of this Technical Update is to update guaranty agencies (GAs) as to changes in the record layout for the GA Financial Aid Transcript (FAT) Batch data distributed by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

#### **Security Procedures**

GA FAT Batch files contain Personal Identifiable Information (PII) on borrowers. NSLDS reminds users that this information is confidential and is only to be used for reasons deemed acceptable for Title IV aid eligibility.

Electronic files must be encrypted and password protected. Printed materials must be marked confidential and stored in a location out of plain site and not easily accessible.

#### **Changes to GA FAT Batch Record Layouts**

Guaranty Agencies currently have the ability to request Financial Aid History (FAH) information for individual borrowers in a batch file format. GA Technical Update 2004-02 provided instructions for GAs requesting the FAH data and the corresponding results of that request.

As noted in GA Technical Update 2004-02, the aggregate information distributed through the GA FAT Batch process may not reflect the most up-to-date aggregate calculations. GAs and schools have been encouraged to utilize the NSLDS Financial Aid Professionals (FAP) Web site to obtain the most accurate calculated aggregate data. Beginning January 1, 2008, NSLDS will no longer include the aggregate data in the GA FAT Batch files. The fields that previously contained the aggregate data in the record layout will be converted to filler thereby maintaining the current record lengths.

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NSLDS will discontinue sending the output of Overpayment (Record Type 3) and Federal Grant (Record Type 4) data because they are not required for exit counseling. The FAT Loan Record layout (Record Type 5) will continue to contain all loan data on NSLDS for the borrower, including Perkins Loans.

### **Overview of Output record layout changes**

- FAT Main Record Layout (Record Type 1)

Updated the following entity attributes:

- Removed “Aggregate Subsidized OPB”, field positions 78-83
- Removed “Aggregate Unsubsidized OPB”, field positions 84-89
- Removed “Aggregate Combined OPB”, field positions 90-95
- Removed “Aggregate Consolidated OPB”, field positions 96-101
- Removed “Aggregate Subsidized Pending Disbursement”, field positions 102-107
- Removed “Aggregate Unsubsidized Pending Disbursement”, field positions 108-113
- Removed “Aggregate Combined Pending Disbursement”, field positions 114-119
- Removed “Aggregate Subsidized Total”, field positions 120-125
- Removed “Aggregate Unsubsidized Total”, field positions 126-131
- Removed “Aggregate Combined Total”, field positions 132-137
- Removed “Aggregate Consolidated Total”, field positions 138-143
- Removed “Perkins Total Disbursements”, field positions 144-149
- Removed “Perkins Current Award Year Disburse”, field positions 150-155
- Removed “Direct Loan MPN Flag”, field positions 156-156
- Removed “Pell Change Flag”, field positions 157-157
- Removed “Aggregates Change Flag”, field positions 159-159
- Updated record layout to “Filler”, field positions 78-157
- Updated record layout to “Filler”, field positions 159-159

- FAT Overpayment Record Layout (Record Type 3)

The entire record type 3 has been removed from the output results file.

- FAT Pell Record Layout (Record Type 4)

The entire record type 4 has been removed from the output results file.

The updated GA FAT Batch record layouts, detailing the affected fields, are included in Attachment A.

### **Attachment A: GA FAT Batch Record Layout**

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