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College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 (CCRAA) Update #1

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 inform Guaranty Agencies (GAs) of National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) modifications. These changes allow for the reporting of a new Deferment Type Code for Military Reservists, National Guard, and members of such forces in retired status, who are called or ordered to active duty (MR); for a change to the requirements for the Military Operations (MO) Deferment Type Code; and a reminder about Enrollment Reporting.

MR Deferment Type Code

The CCRAA created a new deferment in the FFEL, Direct Loan, and Federal Perkins Loan programs for members of the National Guard or Military Reserve, and members of such forces in a retired status, who are called or ordered to active duty service. These borrowers may receive deferment on repayment of their Title IV loans for a maximum period of 13 months following their completion of active duty military service if the borrower was enrolled in a post-secondary institution at the time of or six months prior to their activation.

NSLDS anticipates that the MR Deferment Type Code will be available for use in April 2008. When the new Deferment Type Code is available for use, NSLDS will distribute a GA Technical Update with the appropriate GA Data Provider Instructions (DPI) change pages.

MO Deferment Type Code

The CCRAA modified the Military Operations Deferment Type Code established under the Higher Education Act of 2007 (HERA) by eliminating the 3-year limit for this deferment and by removing the provisions that limited the availability of the deferment to loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2001. The CCRAA also extended the deferment period for any borrower whose qualifying active

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duty service includes October 1, 2007, or begins on or after that date, for an additional 180 days following the date the borrower is demobilized from that active duty service.

NSLDS has removed date restrictions associated with the MO Deferment Type Code to accept any FFEL program loan with the MO Deferment Type Code regardless of first disbursement date.

See Attachment A for GA DPI change pages.

Enrollment Reporting Update

Previously, GAs were required to report enrollment status changes to lenders within 60 days of receipt of the status change from NSLDS.

NSLDS would like to remind GAs that the CCRAA now requires GAs to report borrower enrollment status changes to the appropriate lenders within 35 days of receipt of the status change from NSLDS.

Attachment A: GA DPI Appendix B Change Pages

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