



Common Origination and Disbursement COD Processing Update

February 9, 2007

Direct Loan Program

COD News

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Federal Student Aid apologizes for any inconvenience these outages may cause. If you have any questions about the COD System, contact the COD School Relations Center. If you have any questions about the SAIG, contact CPS/SAIG Technical Support at 800/330-5947 or e-mail CPSSAIG@ed.gov.

Extended Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web Site Outage For Sunday, February 11, 2007 (02/07/07)

As a reminder, the Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) Web site is unavailable every Sunday morning from 5:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET) while routine maintenance is performed. During this period, individuals are not able to complete new MPNs electronically or retrieve existing MPNs that were completed electronically.

Due to the need for additional maintenance on Sunday, February 11, 2007, the Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web site will be unavailable for an extended period of time from 2:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET). Individuals attempting to access the Web site after the cutoff time will see a Web site maintenance message and will not be able to start the process or retrieve an existing MPN.

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NEW!

Impact on COD Processing February 18-19, 2007 (02/09/07)

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The information below explains how this activity and the holiday will impact COD System availability and processing. Please review this information to determine if processing at your school will be affected.

COD System Maintenance

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For Grant and Direct Loan Participants—

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For Direct Loan Participants—

- The [Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note \(MPN\) Web site](#) will be unavailable for an extended period of time from 2:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. (ET). Borrowers will not be able to complete or retrieve MPNs during this extended period.
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Washington's Birthday Federal Holiday

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In order to unlock users, a Security Administrator should log in to the [COD Web site](#) and complete the following steps:

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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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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.
- 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.