



Common Origination and Disbursement
COD Processing Update
For Pell Grants

October 14, 2005

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COD News

COD System Maintenance Planned For Sunday, October 16, 2005 (10/12/05)

The COD System will undergo routine maintenance on Sunday, October 16, 2005. The impact to COD users is as follows:

- From 2:00 A.M. until 8:00 A.M. (ET), users will not be able to submit or retrieve data via the COD Web site.
- From 2:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET), batches submitted by schools will be held and not processed.

COD apologizes for any inconvenience this outage may cause. If you have any questions, contact the COD School Relations Center.

NEW!

Beta Testers Needed For EDEXpress For Windows 2006-2007, Release 1.0 (10/14/05)

The U.S. Department of Education is recruiting schools and servicers for participation in the beta test of EDEXpress for Windows 2006-2007, Release 1.0. The Department is seeking schools and servicers to test the Packaging module and Global functionality (specifically the Document Tracking and User Database features). Further details regarding beta testing are available on the IFAP Web site at

<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/1012EDEXpress0607Rel1BetaTest.html>.

NEW!

Unlocking And Resetting COD Web Site Passwords (10/14/05)

COD would like to remind COD Web site users that Security Administrators (COD Web site User Level 5) are able to unlock and reset passwords for the users (User Level 1-4) they established at their school or organization. However, if the Security Administrator needs his or her password unlocked or reset, the Security Administrator must contact the COD School Relations Center.

In order to unlock users, a Security Administrator should log in to the COD Web site, www.cod.ed.gov, and complete the following steps:



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- Step 1: From the Welcome to Common Origination & Disbursement Web Site screen, click on the User tab on the blue bar at the top of the screen. The User Search screen displays.
 - Step 2: Enter the search criteria for the user and click on the submit button at the bottom of the User Search screen. The Search Results screen displays and lists users that match the search criteria.
 - 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.
 - Step 7: Click on the submit button at the bottom of the Update User Profile screen. The Update Your Profile screen displays.
 - Step 8: On the Update Your Profile screen, click on the Submit button to confirm the updates made to the user's profile.

This information is also posted on the COD Web site in a document entitled "Unlocking And Resetting COD Web Site Passwords." To access the document *before* you log in to the Web site, click on the "[Click here if you are looking for more information on Common Origination and Disbursement](#)" Link. To access the document *after* you log in to the Web site, click on the "Today's Updates" link at the bottom of the page.

Schools can refer to the Electronic Announcement on the IFAP Web site, <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0316UpdateCODWebsiteaccessforschools.html>, for information regarding COD Web site access. Third party servicers can refer to the Electronic Announcement on the IFAP Web site at <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0316UpdatedCODWebsiteaccessforthirdpartyserver.html>.

Register For The 2005 San Diego Electronic Access Conference (10/13/05)

As a reminder, the first 2005 Electronic Access Conference (EAC) will be held October 30, 2005 through November 2, 2005 in San Diego, California. The registration deadline for the San Diego EAC is October 21, 2005. Detailed information about the EAC is available in the Electronic Announcement posted on the IFAP Web site at <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0830EAC05.html> and on FSA's conference Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/conferences/index.html>.



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Hurricane Information (09/14/05)

FSA has established a link on the IFAP Web site, <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/katrina.html>, as a central location for posting up-to-date hurricane information and guidance. Click on this link regularly for updates related to the impact of recent hurricanes on students, parents, borrowers, colleges and universities, and financial institutions that participate in the Federal higher education student assistance programs.

Reports and Data Requests



This section contains important notices regarding reports and/or data requests. While we encourage you to review this section, note that some schools may not be impacted by the information presented below.

- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Records— The YTD Record can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. If a school wants to use the YTD Record for the purpose of rebuilding a complete student record or Pell Grant database, it should contact the COD School Relations Center by e-mail to CODSupport@acs-inc.com. The school should include “Pell YTD” in the subject line. *Note:* If a school is unable to e-mail its request, it can contact the COD School Relations Center. (10/03/05)

Resolved Issues In Clean Up

COD has implemented code fixes for the issues listed below and is cleaning up the affected records. After a clean up has been completed, its status will be updated and it will remain in this section for an additional 7 calendar days.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>In Progress</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Pell Grant Information Not Updated In NSLDS	√	