

Additional COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2018–19 Attachment to November 2018 Electronic Announcement

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the December 7-9, 2018 period. We cover the information in the following order:

- Changes Impacting Some Programs
- Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs
- Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program
- Changes Impacting the Pell Grant Program
- Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Website

Changes Impacting Some Programs

The following changes will impact the COD System processing of Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) awards.

Disaster Relief – Discharges and Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) Adjustments

Beginning December 9, 2018, we will make changes to the COD System to reflect a new process in cases when Federal Student Aid is authorized to provide relief to Title IV aid recipients impacted by a federally-declared disaster.

From an operational perspective, the information and data “flow” for a disaster relief discharge or Pell LEU adjustment will be handled like other loan discharge types or Pell LEU adjustment types. Generally, schools should not need to alter existing systems; however, there will be two minor changes to consider:

1. COD Web Site screens will be updated to reflect “Disaster Relief” when applicable.
 - If a recipient’s Pell LEU is adjusted as the result of a disaster, the LEU History screen will display as “Disaster Relief” as the Pell LEU Adjustment type.
 - If a recipient’s Direct Loan or TEACH Grant is discharged as the result of a disaster, the Additional Eligibility screen will display “Disaster Relief Discharge” in the Discharge Type field.
2. A new value will be added to the “Claim/Discharge Reason Code” field of the School Portfolio Report (SCHPR1). Schools will begin to see HC02 for a Direct Loan discharge processed as a result of a disaster. For the updated NSLDS Record Layouts, refer to the [NSLDS Record Layouts page of the Information for Financial Aid Professionals \(IFAP\) website](#).

Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs

The following changes will impact the Campus-Based programs, specifically the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program.

Perkins Loan Distribution of Assets Process

With this release we will replace the Perkins Loan Excess Liquid Capital process with the Distribution of Assets process, as part of the wind-down of the Perkins Loan Program.

COD Web Site Excess Liquid Capital screens will be updated to reflect “Distribution of Assets,” and schools will be able to view letters and worksheets and submit adjustment requests from these screens. There will continue to be a drop-down menu available that will allow schools to view their Excess Liquid Capital letters and worksheets from prior year(s).

The first Distribution of Assets notices will be sent shortly after the December 9th system implementation. For more information about the process, see a [July 11, 2018 Electronic Announcement posted to the IFAP website](#).

Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program

The following changes will impact the COD System processing of Direct Subsidized Loan, Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and Direct PLUS Loan awards.

Updates to the Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) Reductions Needed Report (including a name change)

Beginning in December 9, 2018, we will make changes to the SULA Reductions Needed report. Specifically, we will:

- Change the name of the report to “Discrepant Loan Data Report”
- No longer include Direct Loan awards that have been discharged or inactivated (award amount and all disbursements have been reduced to zero [\$0])
- No longer include Direct Loan awards that have disbursements with the same Payment Period Start Date and the award has a single payment period
- Remove the following fields from the report
 - Last Name
 - First Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Loan Type
 - Disbursement Sequence Number
 - Anticipated Subsidized Usage Period
 - Anticipated Non-Cred Teacher Cert Subsidized Usage Period
- Change the following field names in the report
 - Reported Weeks Program Academic Year to Weeks Programs Academic Year
 - SULA Calculated Loan Period Length to Loan Period Length
 - SULA Calculated Academic year Length to Academic Year Length

- Award Year Begin Date to Award Begin Date
- Award Year End Date to Award End Date

There will be no change to the location (web only), format (CSV only), or frequency (monthly) of the report.

For more information about this report, refer to the [2018–19 COD Technical Reference](#).

COD Web Site - Updated MPN Search Results Page

Beginning December 9, 2018, the “MPN Search Results” page will be updated to include an MPN Expiration Date field. Schools will now be able to see the date an MPN expired.

Changes Impacting the Pell Grant Program

The following changes will impact the COD System processing of Pell Grant awards.

COD System Processing of Maximum Pell under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act

With this implementation, we will make changes to the COD System to allow schools to certify increased Pell Grant eligibility under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act. Schools will certify eligible recipients by setting the Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Indicator on the COD Web Site. For complete details about this change, refer to a separate attachment to this announcement, titled “COD System Processing of Maximum Pell under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act Beginning December 9, 2018.”

Note for EDEExpress Users: EDEExpress for Windows 2018–2019, Release 2.0, released on May 25, 2018, does not include functionality for this program for the 2018–19 Award Year.

Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Website

The following StudentLoans.gov website changes will impact how users interface with the website.

New Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Added to StudentLoans.gov

With this implementation, we will add a new tool to the StudentLoans.gov website. The PSLF Help Tool will help borrowers

- understand more about the PSLF Program and what they need to do to participate and possibly have their loans forgiven;
- assess whether their employers qualify for PSLF;
- assess whether their loans qualify for PSLF;
- decide which PSLF form to submit;
- generate a partially completed form to take to their employer to sign, and then for the borrowers to submit to the Department’s PSLF servicer, FedLoan Servicing; and
- use the information we have about their federal student loans to explain other actions they should or must take if they want to receive PSLF.

We will announce the PSLF Help Tool implementation in a separate Electronic Announcement on the IFAP website.