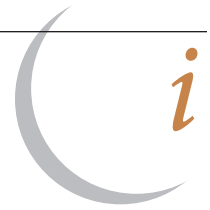

Introduction



This volume of the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Handbook discusses how to calculate, award, and disburse the proper amounts for the various Title IV programs.

RECENT CHANGES

Here are some of the significant changes to Volume 3 for the 2015-16 award year:

Chapter 1

- Most of the transfer guidance has been moved to Chapter 5 of this volume.

Chapter 2

- For Pell Grants, the full nine-month EFC must always be used regardless of the actual period of attendance of the student (see GEN-15-02).
- Description of recent NCAA-related COA changes, including full COA for athletes at schools in the “Power 5” conferences.

Chapter 3

- Eligible Career Pathway program alternate Pell eligibility rules added; sidebar w/statutory & DCL citations added.
- Pell prohibition at multiple schools sidebar added (not new policy; just adding a description of the policy and a regulatory citation)
- Added sidebar on NSLDS reporting requirements, along with Dear Colleague Letter and Electronic Announcement references.

Program and systems information online

www.fsadownload.ed.gov

Software:

- Direct Loan Tools
- EDconnect
- EDExpress for Windows
- SSCR for Windows

Technical References and User Guides for:

- CPS (ISIR, Summary of Changes, etc.)
- COD
- Electronic Data Exchange
- EDExpress Packaging

www.ifap.ed.gov

- Federal Registers
- Electronic Announcements
- Dear Partner/Colleague Letters
- FSA Assessment modules: Student Eligibility—

www.ifap.ed.gov/qahome/fsaassessment.html

Comments? Questions?

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Chapter 4

- Sidebar added with details on TEACH Grant servicing website.

Chapter 5

- Added sidebar clarifying that you must offer both subsidized and unsubsidized loans to all eligible students, including Dear Colleague letter reference.
- Moved guidance on loans for students who transfer from Chapter 1 of this volume.
- Sidebar added clarifying that you must offer both Direct PLUS and Direct Grad PLUS to all eligible students, including Dear Colleague letter reference.
- Added sidebar clarifying potential eligibility of a same-sex parent for Direct PLUS loans, including Dear Colleague letter reference.
- Sidebar note added describing transfer of HEAL servicing from the Department of Health & Human Services to the Department of Education.
- Sidebar added with formula for determining program length.
- Sidebar added with NSLDS reporting requirements for loans, including Dear Colleague letter references.

Chapter 6

- Dear Colleague letter reference to sunseting and grandfathering Perkins loans added to Perkins citations sidebar.
- Perkins Loan sunseting and grandfathering guidance added to body text in awarding Perkins Loan section.

Chapter 7

- Guidance on packaging TEACH Grants added.
- Recent NCAA considerations in packaging sidebar added.
- Rules for regaining eligibility in the middle of a term clarified.