



Technical Update GA-2007-02

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Multiple Topics

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:

This Technical Update provides information on the following topics:

1. Clarification of reporting of responsibility for co-borrower loans.
2. Use of the IA loan status code.
3. Updates to Data Provider Instructions (DPI).

1. Clarification on co-borrower responsibility in cases of partial discharge of the debt

In some cases of loans with co-borrowers, one of the borrowers may have his/her portion of the debt discharged but the co-borrower is still responsible for the remainder. When this occurs, the identifiers for the loan should be updated on NSLDS to the identifiers of the co-borrower. Use the identifier change fields in the NSLDS submittal record to move the loan information to the responsible co-borrower. This may occur when there are co-borrowers for Consolidation loans or PLUS loans.

See attached DPI Change Pages.

2. Use of the IA loan status code

GAs are reminded that loans are to be reported to NSLDS at the time of the guaranty. The IA loan status begins with the guaranty and the Date of Loan Status is the date of the guaranty. The Amount of Outstanding Principal Balance and Amount of Outstanding Accrued Interest Balance will be reported as zero until a disbursement is made.

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3. Updates to Data Provider Instructions (DPI) Fields:

See attached DPI Change Pages.

A. Modification to Edit 0575 for Date Entered Repayment

NSLDS will modify Error 0575 – DER is before the Date of Disbursement – on Date Entered Repayment (Field Code 60). The edit will be bypassed if the Date of Disbursement is after the Date Enrollment Period Ends. This change was made in order to accommodate late disbursements and will be implemented in April.

B. Clarification on Date of Outstanding Principal Balance and Outstanding Accrued Interest Balance.

The Date of Outstanding Principal Balance (Field Code 135) and the Date of Outstanding Accrued Interest Balance (Field Code 137) does not revert back to the date of guarantee when a partial cancellation occurs.

C. Clarification to Date Loan Sold

A cancellation of a loan does not remove previously reported sale information. Once a Date Loan Sold (Field code 141) has been reported to NSLDS, the sale must continue to be reported on the loan, even if a cancellation of the loan occurs.

D. Clarification to DA Loan Status Code

In Table B-10, Code “DA” has been modified to clarify that a loan may go directly from an origination or grace loan status (IA or IG) to a deferred status (DA) and the effective date of the DA loan status and the date reported for Date Entered Repayment will be the same.

E. Change to Table B-14: State Codes

NSLDS has updated Table B-14: State Codes to include the Canadian Codes for Driver’s License State that are reported on ISIR records.

Attachments: A. DPI Field Code change pages

B. DPI Table B change pages

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