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**Summary**

This Newsletter announces new online access requirements for Users of NSLDS to ensure understanding of appropriate use of NSLDS data. It also describes Student Eligibility Enhancements for the 2009-2010 award year.

These changes are effective January 2009.

**Rules of Behavior**

NSLDS has developed a new confirmation page to reinforce the established Rules of Behavior for access to and use of NSLDS. Beginning January 1, upon the first logon each day, every NSLDS user will be required to read and agree with the Rules of Behavior before gaining online access.

This new page will appear after the user has acknowledged the Privacy Act Reminder. If you are the Primary Destination Point Administrator (PDPA), the Rules of Behavior include statements regarding PDPA responsibilities.

Note: If you are the PDPA but do not see the section that begins “Additionally, as PDPA of your organization...”, please contact CPS/SAIG Technical Support at 800/330-5947 about your designation as the PDPA.

**Annual Security Acknowledgment Training**

NSLDS has created user security training to ensure that all NSLDS online users are aware of the security requirements for accessing and using NSLDS data. Every online user will be required to complete the training and the online Security Acknowledgment on an annual basis.

The security training is tailored to the type of access associated with your organization type (e.g., School, Lender, Guaranty Agency, State Agency) and whether or not the NSLDS user is a PDPA.

Beginning January 1, new users must complete the security training and confirm the Security Acknowledgment during their initial logon to the NSLDS system. For current users, the NSLDS system will prompt the user when it is time to complete the security training and Security Acknowledgment.

The Security Acknowledgment completion is tracked by individual user ID. If a user has multiple online user IDs, the Security Acknowledgment must be completed for each one.

The initial completion date will become the anniversary date for the annual process. The estimated time to complete the security responsibilities review and Acknowledgment is between five to fifteen minutes.

<p><b>No Relationship for Lender and Lender Servicer Users</b></p>	<p>This change applies only to users at Lenders and Lender Servicers.</p> <p>Beginning January 1, NSLDS will require a reason for lenders and lenders servicers to retrieve a record for a Title IV aid recipient with whom an established relationship does not exist on NSLDS.</p> <p>NSLDS will check the borrower identifiers entered by the user to determine if the organization code associated with that user ID appears on any record for the borrower. If there are no records containing that user ID's organization code, the user will be prompted to provide the reason why access is necessary. The reason given will be tracked by NSLDS.</p> <p>To further assist Lender and Lender Servicer PDPAs when conducting user oversight, the Security Report SECRL1 - No Relationship to Borrower will be enhanced. The SECRL1 report for Lenders and Lender Servicers will list the reason for lookup provided by the user.</p>
<p><b>2009-2010 Student Eligibility Enhancements</b></p>	<p>As part of the annual federal student aid eligibility system updates, NSLDS will have additional enhancements for the 2009-2010 processing award year.</p> <p>The changes scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2009 will be explained further in a future newsletter, however the highlights are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance data match so the Central Processing System (CPS) can include additional Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant and Direct Unsubsidized Loan (D-8) data and flags in the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR).</li> <li>• Further enhancements to ensure the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008's (ECASLA) increased annual loan amounts are used for the aggregate close or equal to combined loan limit indicators. The results will be displayed on the NSLDS Financial Aid Professionals (FAP) Web site and reported to CPS for inclusion on the ISIR.</li> <li>• The NSLDS Web site and corresponding ISIR will continually display the FFEL Stafford Unsubsidized (SU) loan with Additional PLUS Denial indicator. Currently, NSLDS does not display it when a borrower changes from a dependent to an independent student based on the current award year's CPS ISIR dependency status information.</li> <li>• The updated Transfer Student Monitoring/Financial Aid History (TSM/FAH) processes and batch file layout changes, dated November 21, 2008, will become effective. The record lengths for the processed files sent by NSLDS increased from 260 to 360 and affect the following SAIG message classes:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TRALRTOP- Transfer Monitoring Alert file (extract)</li> <li>○ FAHEXTOP- FAH processed output file (extract)</li> <li>● Enhancements to the NSLDS Transfer Student Monitoring (TSM) alert processes to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For those students on a school’s inform roster that have TEACH grants and loan data, the NSLDS transfer student monitoring processes will start to consider and report them to schools.</li> <li>○ A customized monitoring duration that is updatable and maintained by each school. Schools will be able to define their most appropriate monitoring time frame via the School Transfer Profile web page.</li> <li>○ A new web page that will enable Financial Aid Administrators (FAAs) to re-populate their TSM list page with students previously added to the inform process and used during a prior monitoring period. This will allow schools to select and update students from a web page for monitoring from one time period to another.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Customer Service Reminder</b></p>	<p>Please remember to keep your NSLDSFAP ORG contacts current and always list at least a Primary Contact for your organization.</p> <p>The NSLDS Customer Service Center at 1-800-999-8219 is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. You may also contact via email to <a href="mailto:nslds@ed.gov">nslds@ed.gov</a>.</p>