

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 2018-19 award year:

Chapter 2

- Clarified treatment of costs for attending a conference, when a conference is a standard part of a student's program.

Chapter 3

- E-Announcement link and updated dates added to The Sequester and Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grants sidebar.
- Updated Pell Grant award amounts throughout for 2018-19.
- Added links for 2018-19 Pell Grant payment schedules and related Dear Colleague Letters.
- Clarified guidance on rounding Pell awards—FAAs may round up twice in a row, but only if the amount calculated for the following term is different, for example, due to a change in enrollment status.
- Added link to the 2018-19 SAR Comment Code Guide, for purposes of identifying students eligible for additional aid eligibility for children of soldiers (Zero EFC & IASG).
- New sidebar added: SAR Comment Code 298.
- Added DCL citation to Crossover payment periods sidebar.
- Expanded and updated Year-Round Pell guidance.

Program and systems information online

<https://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

<https://ifap.ed.gov>

- Federal Registers
- Electronic Announcements
- Dear Partner/Colleague Letters
- FSA Assessment modules

Comments? Questions?

If you have any comments or questions regarding the FSA Handbook, please contact Research and Publications via email at fsaschoolspubs@ed.gov.

- Added new examples illustrating Year-Round Pell awards for semester based and clock-hour based programs.
- Added link to 2018-19 ISIR Guide in Pell/IASG LEU sidebar.
- Added new guidance on restoring Pell eligibility for students who attended closed schools.
- Sidebar on Children of Fallen Heroes Act added.
- Added new guidance on making changes to Pell awards due to changes in LEU.

Chapter 4

- Added E-Announcement link to The Sequester and TEACH Grants sidebar.

Chapter 5

- Revised guidance on 150% Rule/Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA).
- Expanded the list of common mistakes in reporting and tracking the 150% limit/SULA.
- Added new sidebar: New COD SULA edit codes.

Chapter 6

- Added DCL link to GEN-17-10, describing wind-down of Perkins program.