
Federal Student Aid Acronyms



A-133	Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
AAI	Adjusted Available Income
ACA	Administrative Cost Allowance
ACH	Automated Clearinghouse
ACN	Audit Control Number
ADB	Average Daily Balance
ADL	Anticipated Disbursement Listing
ADR	Actual Disbursement Roster
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income
AI	Available Income
AICPA	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
ANN	Dear Colleague Letter designation for training announcements
APA	Asset Protection Allowance
APR	Annual Percentage Rate
ARN	Alien Registration Number (also known as A-number)
ASB	Auditing Standards Board
ATB	Ability to Benefit
ATS	Agreement to Serve
AVG	Application and Verification Guide
AVR	Automated Voice Response
AY	Academic Year (may refer to Award Year in some contexts)
BBAY	Borrower-Based Academic Year
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
BRR	Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CB	Campus-Based

CBO	Congressional Budget Office
CBT	Computer-Based Training
CCA	Cash Control Account
CCR	Central Contractor Registration
CDR	Cohort Default Rate
CDRG	Cohort Default Rate Guide
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
CFL	Current Funding Level
CFO	Chief Fiscal/Financial Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs
COA	Cost of Attendance
COD	Common Origination and Disbursement
COH	Cash on Hand
COO	Chief Operating Officer
COTW	Corrections on the Web
CPA	Certified Public Accountant
CPS	Central Processing System
CPS/SAIG	Central Processing System / Student Aid Internet Gateway
CR	Credit
CS/JLD	Job Location and Development within the Community Service Work-Study Program
CSC	Customer Service Center
CSID	Common School Identifier
CSL	Community Service Learning (Program)
CSR	Customer Service Representative
CY	Continuing Year
DB	Debit
DCIA	Debt Collection and The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996
DCL	Dear Colleague Letter
DCS	Debt Collection Service (in ED) now Borrower Services and Collections
DD214	Department of Defense form 214. It is the form, received at separation, that certifies a veteran's service.
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DL	Direct Loan

DLC	Direct Loan Consolidation
DMRS	Deposit Message Retrieval System (Treasury Department)
DOB	Date of Birth
DOD	Department of Defense
DOJ	Department of Justice
DPA	Destination Point Administrator
DRAP	Default Reduction Assistance Program
DRI	Disbursement Release Indicator
DRN	Data Release Number
DRT	Data Retrieval Tool
D-U-N-S	Data Universal Numbering System (by Dun & Bradstreet)
E-App	Electronic Application to Participate (in the Federal Student Aid Programs)
eCDR	Electronic Cohort Default Rate
eCFR	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations
eMPN	Electronic Master Promissory Note
ECAR	Eligibility and Certification Approval Report
eCB	eCampus-Based
ED	United States Department of Education
EDCAPS	Education Central Automated Processing System
EDE	Electronic Data Exchange
EDGAR	Education Department General Administrative Regulations
EDP	Electronic Data Processing
EFA	Estimated Financial Assistance
EFC	Expected Family Contribution
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer (see also ACH/EFT)
EIC	Earned Income Credit
EIN	Employer Identification Number
ESI	Experimental Sites Initiative authorized by Section 487A of the Higher Education Act.
eMPN	Electronic Master Promissory Note
ESAR	Electronic Student Aid Report
ESI	Experimental Sites Initiative
E-SIGN	Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act
ESL	English as Second Language

ESOA	Electronic Statement of Account
FAA	Financial Aid Administrator
FADL	Final Audit Determination Letter
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FAO	Financial Aid Office (also, Officer)
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
FC	Family Contribution
FCC	Federal Capital Contribution (Perkins)
FDLP/DL	The William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loan Program
FEDWIRE	The Federal Reserve Communications System's Fund Transfer System
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
FISAP	Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate
FMFIA	Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982
FMS	Financial Management System
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FOTW	FAFSA on the Web
FP	Dear Colleague Letter designation for financial partners (published before January 2013)
FPL	Federal Perkins Loan Program
FPRD	Final Program Review Determination (L letter)
FR	Federal Register
FRB	Federal Reserve Bank
FRCS	Federal Reserve Communications System
FS	Financial Services (in the U.S. Department of Education)
FSA	Federal Student Aid, an office of the Department of Education
FSAH	Federal Student Aid Handbook
FSAIC	Federal Student Aid Information Center
FSEOG	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program
FT	Full Time
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
FWS	Federal Work-Study Program
FY	Fiscal Year
G	Dear Colleague Letter designation for guaranty agency letters (published before January 2013)
G5	Grants Payment System
GA	Guaranty Agency

GAAP	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
GAAS	Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
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GAN	Grant Award Number
GAO	Government Accountability Office (formerly General Accounting Office)
GAS	Government Auditing Standards
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Board
GE	Gainful Employment
GEAR UP	Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduates Program
GED	General Education Development certificate or General Equivalency Diploma
GEN	Dear Colleague Letter designation for general letters
GPA	Grade Point Average
GPO	Government Printing Office
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HCM	Heightened Cash Monitoring
HCM1	Heightened Cash Monitoring 1 Payment Method
HCM2	Heightened Cash Monitoring 2 Payment Method
HEA	Higher Education Act
HEAL	Higher Education Assistance Loan Program
HSI	Hispanic-Serving Institution
IBR	Income-Based Repayment Plan
ICC	Institutional Capital Contribution (Perkins)
ICR	Income-Contingent Repayment Plan
IFAP	Information for Financial Aid Professionals (web site)
IG	Inspector General
IHE	Institution of Higher Education
IIS	Institutional Improvement Specialist
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS is now part of Department of Homeland Security and known as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.)
IPA	Income Protection Allowance, also Independent Public Auditor
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
IRS DRT	Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool
ISIR	Institutional Student Information Record
ISP	Internet Service Provider

JLD	Job Location and Development (Program)
L	Dear Colleague Letter designation for FFEL letters (published before January 2013)
LD	Dear Colleague Letter designation for limited distribution letters (published before January 2013)
LDA	Last Date of Attendance
LEA	Local Educational Agency
LEAP	Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program
LEU	Lifetime Eligibility Used
LOA	Leave of Absence
LOE	Level of Expenditure (in the Federal Perkins Loan Program)
LOR	Loan Origination Record
LSDA	Late Stage Delinquency Assistance
LST	Limit, Suspend or Terminate (a school's participation in the federal student aid programs)
MD&A	Management's Discussion and Analysis
MDE	Multiple Data Entry
MOP	Method of Payment
MPN	Master Promissory Note
MPN ID	The unique identifier printed on the MPN
MRR	Multiple Reporting Record
MY	Multi-Year feature of Direct Loan promissory notes
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers
NAPD	Net Accepted and Posted Disbursements
NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
NASSGAP	National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs
NCES	National Center for Educational Statistics
NCSFMEA	National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation
NDSL	National Direct (or Defense) Student Loan Program
NEISP	National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (Program)
NFC	National Finance Center
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NRM	Negotiated Rulemaking
NSC	National Student Clearinghouse
NSF	Non-Sufficient Funds
NSLDS	National Student Loan Data System
OC	Object Class/Objective Classification

OCFO	Office of Chief Financial Officer
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OGC	Office of General Council
OHA	Office of Hearings and Appeals
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OPD	Operations Performance Division
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education (in the U.S. Department of Education)
OPE-ID	Office of Postsecondary Education Identifier
P	Dear Colleague Letter designation for Pell Grant Program letters (published before January 2013)
PL	Public Law
P-Note	Promissory Note (also PN)
PA	Payment Analyst (in Performance Improvement and Procedures Service Group)
PAN	Payee Account Number
PBO	Performance-Based Organization
PC	Parental Contribution
PDF	Portable Document Format
PEPS	Postsecondary Education Participation System
PII	Personally Identifiable Information
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PJ	Professional Judgment
PLD	Plain Language Disclosure
POP	Potential Overaward
PPA	Program Participation Agreement
PRCN	Program Review Control Number
PRR	Program Review Report
QA	Quality Assurance Program (Authorized by Section 487A of the HEA)
QC	Quality Control
R2TIV	Return of Title IV Funds (process also seen as R2T4)
RCCC	Research and Customer Care Center (FSA call center for schools)
RDE	Recipient Data Exchange
ROTW	Renewal FAFSA on the Web
SAIG	Student Aid Internet Gateway (successor to Title IV Wide Area Network [TIV WAN])
SAM	System for Award Management (federal procurement systems)

SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress
SAR	Student Aid Report
SAS	Direct Loan School Account Statement (also, AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards)
SAY	Scheduled Academic Year
SE9W	Substantially Equal and at least Nine Weeks in length (one of several types of academic terms)
SEOG	See FSEOG
SID	Student Identifier in COD
SNT	Simplified Needs Test
SOA	Statement of Account
SPD	School Participation Division
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security number
SSAE	AICPA Statements on Standards for Audit Attestation Engagements
SSS	Student Support Services (A Title IV TRIO program), also Selective Service System
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
SULA	Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (in the DL Program)
SY	Single-Year feature of Direct Loan promissory notes
TANF	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
TEACH	Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education
TFA	Two-Factor Authentication
TFAP	Training for Financial Aid Professionals
TFCFS	Treasury Financial Communications System
TIN	Taxpayer Identification Number
TIV	Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA)
TO	Training Officer
TPD	Total and Permanent Disability (usually modifies “discharge”)
UCC	Uniform Commercial Code (as in UCC-1 Statement)
USC	United States Code
USCIS	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Department of Homeland Security
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
WBT	Web-Based Training
WWW	World Wide Web
YTD	Year to Date