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.

PROGRAM AND SYSTEMS INFORMATION ONLINE

FSA Download
FSA Download has moved from its previous webpage (https://fsadownload.ed.gov) to IFAP. To access FSA Download materials, go to the "Software and Other Tools" page on the IFAP homepage (**https://ifap.ed.gov**). The materials include:

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

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RECENT CHANGES

Here are some of the significant changes to Volume 3 for the 2019-20 award year:

Chapter 1

- Updated information on the COD Technical Reference and the COD School Relations Center.

- Clarified that only the first retake of any previously passed course is potentially eligible for Title IV aid in the Retaking Coursework in Term Programs section.

- Added guidance on the circumstances under which a single-term, single-disbursement FSEOG award may be allowed.

- Added new hyperlink to Retaking coursework FAQs website.

Chapter 2

- Emphasized that because students are often unaware of the dependent care allowance, schools should make the provisions of this allowance clear in the counseling process.

- Added HEA and Electronic Announcement (EA) citations to Limitation to tuition and fees COA citation section.

Chapter 3

- Updated Pell award amounts throughout chapter.

- Added guidance on how to certify eligible students for the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act on the COD web site, by marking the CFH indicator.

- Added technical guidance and EA hyperlink to Pell Grant Administrative Cost Allowance discussion.

- Added clarifying guidance to prohibition on concurrent enrollment and Pell Grant section.

- Added EA and COD Technical Reference citations to Year-Round Pell & IASG guidance.

Chapter 4

- Updated percentage figures in The Sequester and TEACH Grants section.

Chapter 5

- Added section with contact information for the Student Loan Support Center.

- Described new process for accessing COD Technical Reference (moved from FSA Download website) in the DL Tools for Windows section.

- Added new graphic box describing the effect of the Sequester on loans, including EA citation.

- Added new guidance addressing the question: Who can take out parent PLUS loans?

- Added additional information on administering the 150% limit for loans (SULA).

- Added new subsection to Effect of Overborrowing then Regaining Eligibility section: Correcting Direct Subsidized Loan or Direct Unsubsidized Loan awarding errors.

Chapter 6

- Clarified that no Perkins disbursements may be made after June 30, 2018 and added EA citation to Perkins Loans section.

- Clarified guidance in Working During Periods of Nonattendance subsection: Students may potentially be eligible for FWS funds prior to enrolling or beginning a program at your school, if they have applied and been accepted for future enrollment at your school.

Chapter 7

- Clarified that IASG is never considered EFA for packaging purposes, although the total aid package still must abide by COA limitations, and added example.

- "Award letters" are now referred to as "financial aid offers," by FSA.