

# Introduction

*The purpose of this publication is to describe how a school becomes eligible to participate in the Federal Student Aid (FSA) programs and to explain the administrative and fiscal requirements of FSA program participation. In addition, this publication discusses other issues relevant to the general administration of the FSA programs.*

This chapter provides a *summary* of the changes and clarifications presented in greater detail in the chapters that follow. **Alone, the text here does not provide schools with the guidance needed to satisfactorily administer the Title IV, HEA programs.** For more complete guidance, you should refer to the text in the chapters cited, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Higher Education Assistance Act (HEA) as amended.

Throughout this volume, new information is indicated with the following symbol.



When the text represents a clarification rather than a change, it is indicated with this symbol.



When we believe that historically there might be some misunderstanding of a requirement, we indicate that with



or



Finally, if we want to point out a bit of helpful information we indicate it with



## MAJOR CHANGES

We have added information on the information security requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to Chapter 9, “Recordkeeping and Disclosure.”