Additional COD System Changes for 2021–22
Attachment to June 2021 Electronic Announcement

This document highlights the system changes we will implement during the June 26–27, 2021 period. We cover the information in the following order:

- Changes Affecting All Programs
- Changes Affecting the Campus-Based Programs
- Changes Affecting the Direct Loan Program
- Changes Affecting the Federal Pell Grant Program
- Changes Affecting the TEACH Grant Program

Changes Affecting All Programs

The following changes will affect the COD System processing of Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant), Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) awards.

Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4) Lump Sum Reporting Tool Update

We have updated the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page on the COD website; schools are now able to select 2021–22 from the award year drop-down box. As a reminder, schools can use this page to report summary-level totals of Title IV funds that were not returned due to the CARES Act.

The deadlines for reporting funds not returned under R2T4 requirements due to CARES Act relief are as follows:

- Sept. 30, 2021, for all award years through 2020–21
- Sept. 30, 2022, for award year 2021–22

Changes Affecting the Campus-Based Programs

The following changes will affect the Campus-Based Programs.

Addition of 2022–23 Award Year Cycle for Campus-Based Programs

With this release we will add the 2022–23 processing cycle to the COD System. All Campus-Based Program forms and instructions and Campus-Based processes will be updated in the COD System for the 2022–23 award year and will become available to view and edit beginning on Aug. 1, 2021.
Changes Affecting the Direct Loan Program

The following changes will affect the COD System processing of Direct Loan awards.

Repeal of 150% Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA)

The FAFSA Simplification Act, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, provides for a repeal of the 150% Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) requirements. With this system release, we will update the COD System to no longer include Direct Subsidized Loans with an earliest disbursement date on or after July 1, 2021 in subsidized usage calculations. For complete information about the COD System changes for the repeal of SULA, refer to a June 11, 2021 Electronic Announcement.

Changes Affecting the Federal Pell Grant Program

Increased Award Amount Allowed to Accommodate Coronavirus Disaster Adjustments

The COD System has been updated to allow for the Pell Grant award amount to exceed a student’s Scheduled Award when a disbursement has been flagged with the Coronavirus Indicator at your school for that award year so a student may utilize his or her regained eligibility in the same award year if needed.

Edit logic for correcting/rejecting award level edits 039, 172 and 173 has been updated to account for this new limit to the maximum award amount.

- If the Additional Eligibility Indicator (AEI) = “false” or blank, the Pell Grant award amount cannot exceed the Scheduled Award + |sum of disbursements represented by the student's Disaster Relief Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) Adjustment (including Coronavirus Disaster Relief) for that school and award year|.

- If the AEI = “true,” the Pell Grant award amount cannot exceed 1.5 times the Scheduled Award + |sum of disbursements represented by the student’s Disaster Relief LEU Adjustment (including Coronavirus Disaster Relief) at the school in the award year|.

Changes Affecting the TEACH Grant Program

The following changes will affect the COD System processing of TEACH Grant awards.

COD Website Updates for TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay

The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) has been renamed to TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement). With this release, we will update the COD website screens and some TEACH Grant reports to remove references to ATS and replace them with Agreement. While the COD website and reports will be updated, schools will continue to see ATS in other cases; in particular, there is no plan to change the COD XML Schema, so ATS will continue to be reflected in the Common Record and Common Record responses and related documentation (i.e., certain sections of the COD Technical Reference).

We will provide more information about other TEACH Grant changes in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement.