

**COD System Changes for 2022–23
Attachment to March 2022 Electronic Announcement**

This document highlights the system changes we will implement on March 27, 2022.

Changes Affecting the Campus-Based Programs

With this release, there are no major changes for the Campus-Based programs.

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.

COD XML Schema 5.0a – New and Modified Tags and Edits

As a reminder, we will require the use of the [COD XML Schema 5.0a](#) for the 2022–23 award year and forward. The schema update includes three new tags that will be part of Common Record submissions for the 2022–23 award year and forward. The table below summarizes the new and modified tags and edits and how we will process them in the COD System.

Tag (NEW OR MODIFIED)	Award Type	Schema Block	Required?	Edits
Direct Loan Cost of Attendance (NEW)	Direct Loan	Award	Yes, for new records 2022–23 and forward No, for maintenance records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject Edit 226 (NEW), if tag is present, but value is less than the Direct Loan award amount
Payment Period End Date (NEW)	Direct Loan IASG Pell Grant TEACH Grant	Disbursement	Yes, for new records 2022–23 and forward No, for maintenance records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject Edit 205 (MODIFIED), if Payment Period End Date is not contained within the Award Begin and Award End dates (Direct Loan only) Reject Edit 227 (NEW), if tag is present, but the value is equal to or less than the Payment Period Start Date Reject Edit 228 (NEW), if Payment Period End Date is outside the valid date range (for all awards, except Direct Loans)
Incarcerated Student Indicator (NEW)	IASG Pell Grant	Disbursement, for 2022–23 and forward	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject Edit 996, if the tag is submitted for 2021–22 and prior

Incarcerated Indicator (MODIFIED)	IASG Pell Grant	Award, for 2021-22 and prior	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject Edit 996, if the tag is submitted at the award level for 2022-23 and forward
Payment Period Start Date (MODIFIED)	Direct Loan IASG Pell Grant TEACH Grant	Disbursement	<p>Yes, for Direct Loans, all award years</p> <p>Yes, for IASG, Pell Grant, and TEACH Grant for 2022-23 and forward</p> <p>No, for IASG, Pell Grant, and TEACH Grant, for 2021-22 and prior (unless there was a period of ineligibility)</p> <p>No, for maintenance records, all programs, all award years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reject Edit 228 (NEW), if Payment Period Start Date is outside the valid date range (for all awards, except Direct Loans)

Note: Generally, per existing processes, if a school does not submit a required tag, it will receive Reject Edit 994. If a school submits a required tag, but it is blank or contains an invalid value, it will receive Reject Edit 996.

Detailed business rules for these new tags are included in Volume II, Section 1 of the 2022-23 COD Technical Reference.

Report Changes with New Schema Tags

Several reports will be updated to include the new tags. The new layouts for these reports have been updated in Volume VI, Section 7 of the 2022-23 COD Technical Reference.

Report	Direct Loan Attendance Cost tag	Payment Period End Date tag	Incarcerated Student Indicator tag
Direct Loan Actual Disbursement List	No	Yes	No
Direct Loan Rebuild	Yes	Yes	No
Discrepant Loan Data Report	No	Yes	No
TEACH Grant Rebuild	No	Yes	No

Report	Direct Loan Attendance Cost tag	Payment Period End Date tag	Incarcerated Student Indicator tag
Pell Grant Year-to-Date	No	Yes	Yes

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Replaces DUNS Number

On March 27, 2022, we will implement changes in the COD System in advance of the formal transition from DUNS Numbers to the UEI on April 4, 2022. Once all other systems across Federal Student Aid transition to the UEI, the COD System will begin to validate the UEI data from a school. After April 4, 2022, if a school submits a Common Record and there is no valid UEI on file for the school, we will reject the record (for all award types) with Reject Edit 996; the edit will be returned on the <RoutingID> tag.

As part of the COD System updates, we will add the UEI to several screens on the COD website, and we will add the UEI as an option when performing a search on Entity ID. We will also add the UEI to several reports.

Note: While the UEI will be effective as of April 4, 2022, we will retain the DUNS number field on the COD website for informational purposes only.

Changes Affecting the Direct Loan Program

The following changes will affect COD System processing of Direct Loans.

Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment – No COD System Updates

Borrower completion of the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment prior to disbursement is not required for the 2022–23 award year and beyond. All processing related to the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment will continue under existing business rules. **Note:** After March 27, 2022, Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment responses (message class: CRIB) will default to the 2022–23 award year.

Because the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment will not be required, we will remove COD Reject Edit 225 from the COD System.

Information Populated in Relationship to Student Tag in Direct PLUS Loan Application Responses

Beginning March 27, 2022, we will begin returning information in the <RelationshiptoStudent> tag in Direct PLUS Loan Application (CRSP) responses for the 2022–23 award year and forward. The valid values include P (biological parent), A (adoptive parent), S (spouse of parent), or O (Other). This information is populated based on information a borrower will provide when completing the Direct PLUS Loan Application (for **parent** PLUS loans only; it does not apply to PLUS Loans for graduate or professional students) on the StudentAid.gov website.

Note: This tag was implemented as part of a previous schema but was not used at that time.

Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) Message Class Retired

We will no longer send system-generated responses for SULA (message class: CRSU) for the 2022–23 award year and forward. Schools may still receive this message class for prior award years.

Changes Impacting the Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Programs

The following changes will affect COD System processing of Pell Grant and/or Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant awards.

Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules for the 2022–23 Award Year

Due to development and timing constraints, the March 2022 COD System release will implement the 2022–23 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules published in Dear Colleague Letter, GEN-22-03 on Jan. 31, 2022, instead of the revised 2022–23 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules that are expected soon. We will implement the revised 2022–23 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System as soon as possible. After that implementation is complete, schools that have already awarded students based on the Jan. 31, 2022, Pell Grant schedules will need to re-evaluate how the revised Pell Grant schedules may impact those awards. There will not be any systematic correction to those records sent prior to the implementation of the revised payment and disbursement schedules.

We will provide more detail about the upcoming COD System implementation of the revised 2022–23 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement on the Knowledge Center.

Important: All 2022–23 Pell Grant records sent to the COD System before the update of the revised schedules is in place will be processed by the COD System using the schedules published on Jan. 31, 2022, and will need to be corrected after the COD System implements the revised schedules. **If schools have flexibility with their system and processing timelines, we highly encourage them to refrain from submitting Pell Grant records to the COD System until after the revised schedules have been implemented in the COD System.**

Note for EDEExpress Users: EDEExpress for Windows 2022–23, Release 2.0, scheduled for release in April 2022, will add Pell Grant functionality for the 2022–23 award year. We will communicate EDEExpress Release 2.0 information through forthcoming electronic announcements.