

**COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2020–21
Attachment to April 2020 Electronic Announcement**

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the April 24-26, 2020 period. We cover the information in the following order:

- Changes Impacting All Programs
- Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs
- Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program
- Changes Impacting the Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Programs
- Changes Impacting the StudentAid.gov Website

Changes Impacting All Programs

The following changes will impact 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.

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Codes 2020 List

The Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics recently updated the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes for 2020. Beginning April 26, 2020, schools must use the CIP Codes 2020 list for all programs for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward.

Common Record Processing

Schools will begin to use the <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag. This tag was previously added to the COD XML Schema, but it was not used in processing. Beginning April 26, 2020, the <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag will be a required field on all awards for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward. At this time, the only valid value will be 2020. **Note:** If the <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag is submitted for the 2019–20 Award Year and prior, it will be ignored.

The <ProgramCIPCode> tag continues to be a required tag for all programs. When the tag is submitted for the 2019–20 Award Year and prior, the CIP code must be from the CIP Code 2010 list. When the tag is submitted for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward, the CIP code must be from the CIP Code 2020 list.

Award Year	ProgramCIPCodeYear Tag Required?	ProgramCIPCodeYear Tag Value	ProgramCIPCode Tag Required?	ProgramCIPCode List Value
2019–20	N	N/A	Y	Must use CIP code from 2010 list
2020–21 and forward	Y	2020	Y	Must use CIP Code from 2020 list

COD Website Updates

The COD website will be updated with the Program CIP Code Year field. The field will display on the following pages:

- Create Disbursement
- Update Disbursement
- Disbursement Information
- Disbursement History
- Batch Record Response
- Batch View Record Information
- Batch View Disbursement Information
- Claim Processing

Changes to COD System Edits 204, 994, and 996 for Program CIP Codes

For the 2020–21 Award Year and forward, several edits will be updated to account for the new Program CIP Code Year requirement.

- COD Reject Edit 204 (Incorrect Program CIP Code submitted) will be returned if the <ProgramCIPCode> tag value is not valid for the submitted <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag value. As noted above, generally, the CIP code year will be 2020 and the CIP Code must be a valid code from the CIP Code 2020 list. The edit will be returned at the disbursement level.
- COD Reject Edit 994 (Missing Value) will be returned if the <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag is not submitted with any award for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward. The edit will be returned at the disbursement level.
- COD Reject Edit 996 (Invalid Value) will be returned if the <ProgramCIPCodeYear> tag is submitted with an invalid value (currently, the only value for this tag should be 2020). The edit will be returned at the disbursement level.

COD Reports

Several reports will be updated to include the Program CIP Code Year field, including Pell Year-to-Date (YTD), Direct Loan Rebuild, TEACH Grant Rebuild, and Direct Loan Actual Disbursement List. The new field will be added to these reports for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward.

Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs

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

Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program

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

Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement – COD System Updates

With this system release, we will update the COD System for the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement process. Complete details about COD System processing related to the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement will be posted in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement.

Note: While borrowers will see the term "Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement" on StudentAid.gov and in any borrower-facing materials that we produce, schools will continue to see references to

"Informed Borrowing Confirmation" on the COD website screens, in the tags for the COD XML schema, and in parts of the COD Technical Reference.

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

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

Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules for the 2020–21 Award Year

[Dear Colleague Letter GEN-20-01](#) provides the payment and disbursement schedules for determining Pell Grant awards for the 2020–21 Award Year for full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time, and less-than-half-time students. All 2020–21 Pell Grant awards must be based on the schedules attached to GEN-20-01.

We will implement the 2020–21 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System during this release.

Note for EDEExpress Users: EDEExpress for Windows 2020–21, Release 2.0, scheduled for release in spring 2020, will add Pell Grant functionality for the 2020–21 Award Year. We will communicate EDEExpress Release 2.0 information through forthcoming electronic announcements on the IFAP website.

Children of Fallen Heroes Indicator Changes

Previously, we updated the COD website to include the Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Indicator (in the form of a "Yes/No" dropdown box). The indicator allowed schools to identify recipients who received a maximum Pell Grant award, because the recipient's parent died in the line of duty while actively serving as a police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer.

Beginning with the 2020–21 Award Year and forward, Financial Aid Administrators (FAAs) must designate the student's eligibility for the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act through FAA to CPS Online. Schools will no longer be able to designate a student's eligibility on the COD Web. The CFH Indicator will be automatically populated on the Pell Grant award, submitted via batch or on COD Web, based on data in the CFH indicator value carried on the CPS Transaction linked to the award.

The CFH Indicator will continue to be displayed on the same COD web pages, but without a dropdown box because updates in the COD System are no longer permitted. If a school finds a change to the student's Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act eligibility is necessary, the change must be made via the FAA Access to CPS Online application.

COD Website Updates

The COD website will be updated with the new CFH Indicator functionality. Specifically, for the 2020–21 Award Year and forward, the field will no longer be a dropdown box and schools will not be able to make changes to it. The CFH Indicator will display as "Yes" or "No" on the Create Award, Create Award for Rejected Records, and Update Award pages. If there is no value (it was "Blank" on the CPS Transaction number), the CFH Indicator will not display on any of the pages. For the 2020–21 Award Year and forward the CFH Indicator field value from the CPS transaction will now be displayed on COD website's Applicant Detail Page.

Note: For the 2019–20 Award Year and prior, the CFH Indicator field will continue to be a dropdown box, and schools will be able to select the appropriate value.

Changes to COD Reject Edit 996 for CFH Indicator

We will update COD Reject Edit 996 (Invalid Value) to account for the changes to the CFH Indicator functionality. Schools cannot change the CPS Transaction number on an accepted Pell Grant award when the CFH Indicator has already been populated (with either “Yes” or “No”) and the new CPS Transaction number has the CFH Indicator set to “Blank.” In those cases, schools will receive COD Reject 996.

Changes Impacting the StudentAid.gov Website

The following StudentAid.gov website changes will impact how users interface with the website.

Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement

Beginning April 26, 2020, borrowers will be able to complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement on StudentAid.gov. More information about this functionality is provided in other announcements on the IFAP website ([November 21, 2019](#) and [March 27, 2020](#)).

Revised Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan MPN and Direct PLUS Loan MPN

We will update StudentAid.gov to use the most recently approved versions of the MPNs (both PDF versions and in the electronic process flows). We will also make some minor “look and feel” changes to the electronic MPN flows.

Detailed information for schools that will print or use *paper* versions of the revised Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan MPN and Direct PLUS Loan MPN will be posted in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement on the IFAP website.