

COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2021–22 Attachment to March 2021 Electronic Announcement

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the March 19–21, 2021 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 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.

COD XML Schema 4.0e

As a reminder, we will require the use of the COD XML Schema 4.0e for the 2021–22 Award Year and forward.

Summary-Level Return of *Title IV* (R2T4) Reporting Information (Coming Late April 2021)

In previous announcements, we informed schools that we were developing an additional tool to allow schools to report funds not returned under R2T4 requirements due to *CARES Act* relief. Once we fully implement the functionality (planned for late April 2021), schools will be able to use the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page to report the required information.

COD Website – R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting Page

In April 2021, we will add the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page to the COD website. Schools will use this page to report summary-level totals of *Title IV* funds that were not returned due to the *CARES Act*.

- On the screen, schools will provide the “Amounts That Would Have Been Returned” for a specific award year for each *Title IV* program.
- Authorized users will have the ability to report funds for any main school or additional location to which they are associated. Users at a main location will be able to report for that location and any associated additional locations. Users at an additional location will be able to report for that additional location only.
 - We will total the amounts under the main location in a case where both an additional location and a main location report amounts of *Title IV* funds that would have been returned. User will be notified with a message if amounts have been previously reported for one their institutions or one of their associated locations.

- Only School and Third-Party User Levels 3-5 will have access to update the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page. All other levels will have “view-only” access. **Note:** These are the same access rules for the R2T4 calculator.
- The R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page is intended for schools that did not use the COD website’s R2T4 calculator for Coronavirus reporting. Schools that used the COD R2T4 calculator to flag records with the “R2T4 Coronavirus Indicator” do not need to report lump sums on the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page unless they are reporting information that has not been previously captured using the R2T4 calculator. **Note:** Even though this reporting tool will provide summary-level data for schools that did not use the COD R2T4 calculator, we will assume that schools have performed some form of an R2T4 calculation for all impacted students before reporting lump sum amounts on the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page.

As noted above, this functionality will not be available for use until late April 2021. However, schools can begin to compile their summary data, as appropriate. We will notify schools when the functionality to support summary-level R2T4 reporting is available in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement.

We encourage schools to begin reporting as early as possible after the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page is available, but no later than the established Sept. 30, 2021 deadline. Later in 2021, we plan to contact schools that have not reported funds using either the R2T4 calculator on the COD website or the R2T4 Lump Sum Reporting page.

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 – No COD System Updates

The requirement that borrowers complete the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement prior to disbursement will not go in effect for the 2021–22 Award Year. Accordingly, we will not make changes to the COD System for the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement process. All processing related to the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement will continue under existing business rules.

Note: There is one exception; after March 21, 2021, Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement responses (message class: CRIB) will default to the 2021–22 Award Year.

In April 2020, we added system logic for COD System Reject Edit 225 but did not use it for the 2020–21 Award Year. We will not implement this edit for the 2021–22 Award Year either.

Note: The COD Technical Reference currently includes information about the Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement as a requirement and about Edit 225. We will be working to update the COD Technical Reference to reflect the delay with the next posting planned for June 2021.

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 2021–22 Award Year

[Dear Colleague Letter GEN-21-01](#) provides the payment and disbursement schedules for determining Pell Grant awards for the 2021–22 Award Year for full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time, and less-than-half-time students. All 2021–22 Pell Grant awards must be based on the schedules attached to GEN-21-01.

We will implement the 2021–22 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System during this release.

Note: As explained in a [March 4, 2021 Electronic Announcement](#), the Central Processing System (CPS) will implement the 2021–22 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules on March 21, 2021 and subsequent reprocessing will occur on March 30, 2021. The COD System will implement the 2021–22 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules **before** the CPS reprocessing for certain applicants (those with an expected family contribution (EFC) greater than or equal to 5712 and less than or equal to 5846). As a result, for students who are **newly** Pell-eligible based on the CPS reprocessing, **schools must wait until after the March 30th CPS reprocessing to send all Pell Grant origination records to the COD System**; this will ensure schools can use the new, Pell-eligible CPS transaction number for the reprocessed records. If a school submits the Pell Grant record with an ineligible CPS transaction number before the March 30th CPS reprocessing, it will be rejected.

Note for EDEExpress Users: EDEExpress for Windows 2021–22, Release 2.0, scheduled for release in April 2021, will add Pell Grant functionality for the 2021–22 Award Year. We will communicate EDEExpress Release 2.0 information through forthcoming electronic announcements.