# Overview of Changes from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011

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*This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2010-2011 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning March 2010.*

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# Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

## *Changes from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011*

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Added, Modified, and Removed. The first column provides a description of each change. The remaining columns indicate which programs the change will affect.

### Additions to Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Creation of StudentLoans.gov Website | | | | ✓ | |
| Direct Loan PNote and Disclosure Updates | | | | ✓ | |
| Edits | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant | ✓ | | | | |

### Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum Pell Eligibility for Post 9/11 Dependents of Deceased Veterans | ✓ | | | | |
| Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used | ✓ | | | | |
| Modifications to Pell funding | ✓ | | | | |
| Edits | ✓ | | | ✓ | |

### Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

| Description | Pell Grant Program | ACG Program | National SMART Grant Program | Direct Loan Program | TEACH Grant Program |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Push Cash/Just in Time Funding Option Removed for DL Schools | - | - | - | ✓ | - |

# Additions to COD for 2010-2011

## *Creation of StudentLoans.gov Website*

Beginning in March 2010, a new website called StudentLoans.gov will be launched to replace the existing eMPN website. The StudentLoans.gov website will allow parent and student borrowers to complete an electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN). The website will also allow parent borrowers and graduate student borrowers to apply for a PLUS loan. Further updates include:

- DL Entrance Counseling
- Electronic Endorsers

Schools can now submit up to 20 disbursements for a single PLUS award for one student beginning in March 2010.

The StudentLoans.gov website will allow a borrower or endorser to complete a PLUS application and submit a credit check before or after a PLUS award is submitted to COD. The PLUS application will be stored on the COD system and application acknowledgements will be sent to participating schools.

## *Edits*

Reject Edit 179, "Financial Award Amount exceeds Financial Award Amount Request" has been retired.

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edits for the Direct Loan PLUS Program starting March 2010:

### Edit 180

Reject Edit 180, "Disbursement Release Indicator Set to 'true' for PLUS award with PLUS Credit Decision Status Pending/Declined" will be returned when the Disbursement Release Indicator is set to "true" and there is no approved PLUS Credit Decision Status on file for this loan. An approved PLUS Credit Decision Status must be obtained for a PLUS borrower prior to disbursement.

### Edit 181

Reject Edit 181, "Invalid identifier change for PLUS award with PLUS Credit Decision Status Pending/Declined" will be triggered when a PLUS award without an approved PLUS Credit Decision Status is submitted with one or more of the following tags for student or borrower:

- SSN Change
- Date of Birth Change
- Last Name Change

### Edit 182

Reject Edit 182, "Invalid award maintenance for PLUS award with PLUS Credit Decision Status Pending/Declined" will be triggered when a PLUS award without an approved PLUS Credit Decision Status is submitted with award maintenance that is not one of the following:

- The Financial Award Amount submitted exceeds the Financial Award Amount Requested.
- OR the Financial Award Amount Requested submitted is less than the Financial Award Amount.

### Edit 183

Warning Edit 183, “PLUS award accepted due to valid Endorser match with PLUS Credit Decision Status Pending/Declined” will be triggered when a PLUS award without an approved PLUS Credit Decision Status is accepted because an existing valid Endorser linked to the PLUS award.

### Edit 184

Warning Edit 184, "Financial Award Amount exceeds Endorser Amount” will be returned when disbursements with DRI = 'true' are submitted on a PLUS award with an existing valid Endorser linked and the Financial Award Amount is greater than the Endorser Amount.

Edit 184:
Disbursements with DRI = 'true' CANNOT be submitted for the PLUS award until the Financial Award Amount is less than or equal to the Endorser Amount.

## *Edit Changes June 2010*

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edits for the Direct Loan PLUS Program starting June 2010:

### Edit 50

Reject Edit 50, “Disbursement Date Outside Allowable Window” will be modified to trigger for Foreign Schools when:

- The Disbursement date is 30 days prior to the Financial Award Begin Date.
- OR the Disbursement date is 180 days after the Financial Award End Date.

### Edit 191

Reject Edit 191, “Incorrect HPPA Indicator” will be triggered when a Foreign School has submitted a Direct Loan Unsubsidized award with the HPPA indicator equal to ‘true’.

## *Direct Loan PNote and Plain Language Disclosure Updates*

The Direct Loan Master Promissory Notes and Plain Language Disclosure will be updated to support HEOA Legislation. The updates will include:

- Text revisions to the Sub/Unsub MPN, PLUS MPN, and Endorser Addendum to the PLUS MPN
- Revisions to the insert for the existing Sub/Unsub MPN and Plain Language Disclosure
- Revisions to the insert for the existing PLUS Endorser Addendum, PLUS Endorser MPN booklet, and the PLUS Plain Language Disclosure

# Changes Effective October 2010

## *Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant*

The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant must be created on the COD web.

Beginning in the 2010-2011 award year, Pell-ineligible students who were dependents of a veteran who died as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 may be eligible for the new Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator has been added to the Pell award functionality for Award Year 2010-2011 and forward. The COD Website will display a new Iraq and Afghanistan Indicator on the Pell Grant award pages. This indicator ("IAS Grant") will only be available on the COD Website, and will not be returned in the COD Web Response. The COD Website will allow authorized users to submit Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants and submit updates to existing Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants and disbursements.

The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant indicator will not be included in the common record layout.

## *Edit Changes*

The COD system will begin returning the following new Edits for the Pell Grant Award Program starting October 2010:

### Edit 192

Warning edit, "Pell Award submitted with Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator equal to 'true'" will be returned when a Pell award maintenance record is submitted with the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator equal to 'true' for that award at that school.

### Edit 193

Reject edit, "Incorrect change to the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator" will be triggered when the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator is changed from 'false' to 'true' for a Pell award with Funded Disbursement(s).

### Edit 194

Reject edit, "Funded Disbursement not allowed for a Pell award with Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Indicator equal to 'true'" will be triggered when a funded disbursement (DRI = true) was submitted on a Pell award with the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant indicator equal to 'true'.

# Modifications to COD for 2010-2011

## Citizenship Status Processing

Beginning June 25, the COD System will require that all Direct Loan Subsidized and Unsubsidized awards have a valid citizenship status. Valid Citizenship Status includes U.S. Citizen and Eligible Non-citizen. If an award with an invalid Citizenship Status is submitted, the COD System will reject the award. With this change, all programs (Pell, ACG, National SMART, TEACH, DL Sub, DL Unsub and DL PLUS) will follow the same Citizenship status logic.

## Maximum Pell Eligibility for Dependents of Deceased Veterans who died in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001

In June 2009, Pell eligible students who were dependents of a veteran who died as a result of service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001 became eligible for the maximum Pell award as if they had a zero EFC.

Beginning in March 2010, the COD System will use the DoD match results from the student's CPS record to populate the "Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator", if the school includes the CPS transaction number containing the DoD match results when submitting the award.

Beginning in March 2010, the "Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator" will never be blank but will always be marked `Yes` or `No` on the COD Web.

- COD will use the "DoD Match Flag" field in the student's CPS data to set the "Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator" when the CPS transaction is used in award processing.
- From March 2010 and forward, there will always be a value displayed in the "Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator" field.

Beginning in March 2010, schools must contact a customer service representative to update the "Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator" value.

In March 2010 and forward, schools will no longer be able to change the Post 9/11 Deceased Veteran Dependent Indicator. Schools must contact Customer Service to have this indicator altered in any way.

## Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used

Beginning in the 2010-2011 Award Year, COD will return the `<LifetimeEligbilityUsed>` tag in the Common Record Response and the Negative Disbursement System-Generated response for Pell Awards for First Time Pell Recipients for the 2010-2011 Award Year and forward.

## Modifications to Pell Advance Funding

Beginning with the 2010-2011 Award Year and forward, the maximum number of days for Pell Advance Funded schools to submit actual disbursements of "true" has been reduced from thirty days to seven days.

## The 2010-2011 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules

These revised 2010-2011 Award Year Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules must be used for all 2010-2011 Federal Pell Grant award calculations. These schedules are required because of changes made by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. They replace the schedules that were published on January 13, 2010 (see DCL P-10-01). These revised schedules must be used for all 2010-2011 Federal Pell Grant award calculations, including those for students who may have already been awarded based on the January 13, 2010 schedules.

## Edits

### Edit 60

Reject edit 60, "Insufficient Number of Disbursements Based on School Type" now contains a new condition that if a school loses single disbursement eligibility they have a 30 day window to submit disbursements.

### Edit 38

Reject edit 38, "Student Not Pell Eligible" will not be executed when the IAS Grant Indicator is set to "true".

# Removals from COD for 2010-2011

## *Pushed Cash/Just-in-Time Funding Discontinued for Direct Loan Schools*

Beginning in March 2010, the Push Cash option will no longer be available for Direct Loan schools. This means that effective March 2010, the Push Cash/Just-in-Time Funding option will be completely eliminated for all Grant and Loan programs for all schools. All schools that were using Push Cash as an option will be switched to Advance Funded.