
Overview of Changes from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016



This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2015-2016 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning March 2015.

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Additions, Modifications, and Removals. 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
New Schema Version	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Student Eligibility Code	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weekly Credit Status Report				✓	
Direct Loan Subsidized Usage Inquiry Page				✓	
Direct Loan Subsidized Usage Calculator				✓	

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Pell Year to Date Report	✓				
Direct Loan Rebuild Report				✓	
Credit Check Expiration Date				✓	
Edit's 205, 996, and 50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ability to Benefit/Student Eligibility Code	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Direct PLUS Loan Reporting				✓	
TEACH Rebuild Report					✓

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Credit Check Reconsideration Eligibility Report				✓	
Ability to Benefit Code	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO System Generated Response				✓	

Additions to COD for 2015-2016

Weekly Credit Status Report for Schools

In March 2015, COD will produce a weekly report available on COD Web in CSV format that shall include a list of borrowers whose active Original Credit Decision is 'Declined', the status of appeals due to extenuating circumstances, PLUS Counseling and endorsers associated with the credit check/loans.

Direct Loan Subsidized Usage Inquiry Page

Beginning in March 2015, COD will allow COD Web users to create and submit a Subsidized Usage inquiry to FSA for Subsidized Usage cases that require FSA intervention and can't be resolved by a school. This can be done via the new Create Subsidized Usage Inquiry page on COD Web.

Direct Loan Subsidized Usage Calculator

Beginning in March 2015, COD will introduce a Subsidized Usage Calculator on COD Web. Users will be able to enter loan data and estimate the students' subsidized usage based upon the information entered and the loans existing on the COD System. Actions taken via the Subsidized Usage Calculator will not result in any changes to the student's loans on the COD System, but will allow the user to model potential impacts to the student's subsidized usage and eligibility.

New Schema Version

In March 2015, the COD System will introduce new schema version 4.0b. Additionally, all 2.0 versions and the 3.0a, 3.0b & 3.0c versions of the common record schema will remain retired.

Modifications to COD for 2015-2016

Ability to Benefit Codes

Beginning in March 2015, COD will rename the Ability to Benefit Code field to Student Eligibility Code for all Award Years.

New ability to benefit values 08, 09, and 10 will be accepted for the 2015-2016 Award Year and forward. Also, the descriptions of current values 01 and 07 have been modified.

Pell Year to Date Record

Beginning in March 2015, the Pell Year to Date Record will be updated to reflect the new valid values and changes to the existing values for the Student Eligibility Code.

Direct Loan Rebuild File

Beginning in March 2015, the Direct Loan Rebuild File will be updated to reflect the new valid values and changes to the existing values for the Student Eligibility Code. The Origination Record and the Disbursement Record of the Direct Loan Rebuild file will be updated.

Beginning in Summer 2015, the Direct Loan Rebuild file will be updated to reflect the new elements being returned in the Response block of PLUS awards with the schema version 4.0b. Although details regarding layout changes to the Direct Loan Rebuild are not available at the time of this publication, notification will be made when the COD Technical Reference has been updated with these changes, and will be provided shortly.

Credit Check Expiration Date

Beginning in March 2015, the COD system will update the number of days a credit check is valid from 90 days to 180 days. After the initial 'Accepted' or 'Declined' credit decision is determined from Credit Bureau information, future processes requiring the use of a credit decision will use that decision until 180 days has passed. After 180 days, processes requiring a credit decision must create a new decision according to new data returned from the Credit Bureau.

Edit's 205, 996, and 50

Beginning in March 2015, the COD system will make modifications to the following edits.

- The COD System will modify the Edit 205 validation of Payment Period Start Date (PPSD) on change records. Edit 205 will not trigger when the disbursement is reduced to \$0 and the disbursement date is before the Financial Award Begin Date or after the Financial Award End Date (outside the Loan Period). Edit 205 on origination shall remain unchanged.
- The COD System will modify the Edit 996 validation of Financial Award Begin and End Dates on change records. Edit 996 will not trigger on Financial Award Begin Date when the Financial Award Begin Date is changed to after the end of the applicable award year (June 30) or on Financial Award End Date when the Financial Award End Date is changed to before the start of the applicable award year (July 1).
- The COD System will modify Edit 50 to trigger at Award and Disbursement Levels.

Direct PLUS Loan Responses

Beginning in March 2015, the COD system will begin to validate PLUS counseling completion for borrowers with a Declined Original Credit Check Decision who obtain an endorser or approval by documenting extenuating circumstances.

The COD system will reject actual disbursements with new reject edit, Edit 217, in cases where the borrower has an endorser or is approved through documentation of extenuating circumstances, and hasn't completed PLUS Counseling. This edit will apply for all award years.

TEACH Rebuild File

In March 2015, the COD System will update the TEACH Rebuild File to include information about the new and modified Student Eligibility Ability to Benefit codes. The Origination Record and the Disbursement Record of the TEACH Rebuild file will be updated.

Removals from COD for 2015-2016

Credit Check Reconsideration Eligibility Report

Beginning in March 2015, the COD System will retire the Credit Check Reconsideration Eligibility Report with the creation of the Weekly Credit Report for schools.

CO System Generated Response

Beginning in March 2015, the COD System will retire the Credit Override (CO) system generated response with the addition of the new Credit Status (CS) system generated response.