

## **Additional COD System Processing Function Enhancements and Modifications for 2012-2013 Attachment to April 2012 Electronic Announcement**

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement on April 15, 2012. We cover information in the following order:

- Changes Impacting the COD Web Site Home Page and Login Page
- Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program
- Changes Impacting the Pell Grant Program

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### **Changes Impacting the COD Web Site Home Page and Login Page**

We will redesign both the Home page and Login page of the COD Web site. The new design will be more streamlined and will group the password maintenance links and Two Factor Authentication links in a more logical way.

On the COD Home page, the “Click here if you are looking for more information on Common Origination and Disbursement” link will be removed and replaced with a shorter link “Today’s Update” on the blue navigation bar along the bottom of the page.

### **Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program**

System enhancements to address changes made to the Direct Loan Program by the Budget Control Act of 2011, specifically the elimination of the up-front interest rebate for Direct Loans, will be made with the April 2012 COD System update. Operational information about this change was explained in an [April 5, 2012 Electronic Announcement](#).

*Note:* Another change made by the Budget Control Act of 2011, the end of Direct Subsidized Loan eligibility for graduate or professional students, will be implemented in July 2012. Information about this change will be provided in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement.

### **Changes Impacting the Pell Grant Program**

As explained in a [February 17, 2012 Electronic Announcement](#), one of the changes made by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 is a reduction to the duration of a student’s eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant. With the April 15, 2012 COD System update, we will implement the following interim processes related to the Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) change:

#### ***School Pell Grant LEU Reports***

Beginning April 15, 2012, we will produce and send schools a Pell Grant LEU Report that will identify those applicants who –

- have completed a 2012-2013 FAFSA,
- are Pell-eligible,
- have an LEU greater than or equal to 450 percent, *and*
- listed the school’s federal school code on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.

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Until the COD System, the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), and the Central Processing System (CPS) are updated in July 2012 with prior years Pell Grant data, the Pell Grant LEU report will be the only tool a school can use to evaluate LEU data for Pell Grant recipients whose total LEU is greater than or equal to 450 percent. This is because the LEU data currently returned via Common Record responses and viewable on the COD Web site, on the NSLDS Web site, and on COD reports are only for first-time Pell Grant recipients for the 2008-2009 Award Year and forward, which was the statutory standard prior to the new law.

The first Pell Grant LEU Report will be generated on Sunday, April 15, 2012 and then weekly on Saturdays from April 21, 2012 through June 30, 2012. The data on the report will be cumulative. The report will have minimal data elements, but will include student identifiers, CPS transaction numbers, and LEU percentages.

The report will be based on an applicant's highest CPS transaction number. For example, before the initial report is run on April 15, 2012, an applicant has two CPS transactions on file. The applicant was Pell-eligible on transaction 01, but Pell-ineligible on transaction 02. When the initial report is run, the applicant will not be on the report because the latest transaction indicates that the applicant is Pell-ineligible. However, if a subsequent transaction (03) reflects the applicant as Pell-eligible, he or she will be added to the next scheduled Pell Grant LEU Report.

The Web-only report will be created in comma-delimited (CSV) format and will be available in a school's Pell Grant Reporting Newsbox on the COD Web site. It will not be sent to a school's SAIG mailbox. Using the CSV file, a school can import the data into a spreadsheet or other software tool to sort the data in whatever manner is most useful to the school. **Note:** The data in the report will be compiled based on the federal school code the applicant included on his or her 2012-2013 FAFSA. The OPE ID associated with the school's federal school code will determine which Pell Grant Reporting Newsbox the report is delivered to on the COD Web site.

In a separate document attached to the announcement "Additional COD System Implementation for 2012-2013 Award Year," we provide the layout of the CSV file. Refer to the attachment titled "Pell Grant LEU Report Layout."

***Student Pell Grant LEU E-mails***

Beginning April 15, 2012, we will send an e-mail to any applicant who has completed a 2012-2013 FAFSA, and who is Pell-eligible and has a calculated LEU percentage greater than 500 percent.

We will send an e-mail to a Pell-eligible applicant who has a Pell Grant LEU that is –

- ***greater than 500 percent, but less than 600 percent.*** The e-mail will state that because of a change in law, the applicant may be eligible for less Pell Grant than originally communicated on his or her Student Aid Report (SAR).
- ***greater than or equal to 600 percent.*** The e-mail will state that because of a change in law, the applicant is no longer eligible for Pell Grant funds.

Both e-mails will refer the applicant to his or her school for follow-up questions.

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We will not send an e-mail to a Pell-eligible applicant who has a Pell Grant LEU that is less than or equal to 500 percent.

Most applicants will only receive one e-mail. The initial group of e-mails will be sent to applicants on Sunday, April 15, 2012. Each week (on Sundays) from April 22, 2012 through July 1, 2012, we will send an e-mail to those applicants who submitted a new FAFSA during the previous week or those who submitted a change to their FAFSA data which generates a new CPS transaction. The applicant will receive the appropriate e-mail based on the LEU at the time the e-mail is generated. In short, a change in the applicant's LEU will not trigger an additional e-mail, but a new CPS transaction will. **Note:** Unlike the e-mails, a change in the applicant's LEU will be reflected on the Pell Grant LEU report, and will not be dependent on a new CPS transaction. As a result, a school will likely have more current information than the applicant.

Once we implement the additional changes planned for the COD System on July 6-7, 2012, the e-mails will be discontinued because students and schools will receive Pell Grant LEU information via the SAR and Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) comment codes.

In a separate document attached to the announcement "Additional COD System Implementation for 2012-2013 Award Year," we provide the text for the Pell Grant LEU e-mails. Refer to attachment titled "Pell Grant LEU E-mail Text." In addition, we provide the text of a new Pell Grant LEU information page that will be added to Student Aid on the Web. Refer to the attachment titled "Student Aid on the Web Pell Grant LEU Page."

***Future Enhancements***

As noted in the [February 17, 2012 Electronic Announcement](#), additional system enhancements for the Pell Grant LEU change will be made in July 2012. We will provide information about the July 2012 system enhancements in a forthcoming Electronic Announcement.