

**Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Processing Beginning June 17, 2018  
Attachment to June 2018 Electronic Announcement**

As part of the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System implementation for the 2018–19 Award Year planned for June 15-17, 2018, Federal Student Aid will make changes to the processing of Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants on the [COD Web Site](#).

This document provides additional information about these changes. Information about other system changes that will be part of the June 2018 implementation are provided in a separate attachment, titled “Additional COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2018–19.”

We provide information in the following order:

- Summary Table
- Award and Disbursement Processing Changes

**Summary Table**

The table below summarizes the changes to the processing of Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants for the 2017–18 Award Year and forward. We provide additional detail about each of these changes in the Award and Disbursement Processing Changes section.

<b>Processing Impact</b>	<b>Before June 17, 2018</b>	<b>On and After June 17, 2018</b>
Award and Disbursement Processing	Only anticipated disbursements (Disbursement Release Indicator (DRI) = “False”) can be submitted  No system calculation or editing of award or disbursement amount	Both anticipated and actual disbursements (DRI = “True”) can be submitted  System calculation and editing on award or disbursement amount
Edits	Limited system edits returned to schools	More robust system edits on awards and disbursements will be returned to schools
Funding	Electronic Statement of Account (ESOA) sent via email  No school funding information on COD Web	ESOA sent via Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) mailbox; message class IGASyyOP  School funding information on COD Web
COD Web	Only anticipated disbursement processing  Limited IASG-specific information	Both anticipated and actual disbursement processing  Expanded IASG-specific information
System-Generated Processes [Potential	Not included in the system-generated processes; schools do	Included in system-generated processes; schools will receive

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Overaward Process (POP), Negative Pending, and Deobligations]	not receive notices about POP, negative pending disbursements, or deobligations	notices about POP, negative pending disbursements, or deobligations
Reports	No IASG-specific reports	New IASG Multiple Reporting Record (MRR)  IASG POP data included on Pell POP report  IASG information included on School Monitoring Report
Program Closeout	No closeout process	Closeout will be tied to Pell Grant closeout process

### **Award and Disbursement Processing Changes**

Beginning June 17, 2018, we will make enhancements to COD System processing for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants. These grants will continue to be submitted via the COD Web Site under the “Create Award/Pell” structure. Previously, however, disbursement processing was limited to anticipated disbursements (Disbursement Release Indicator (DRI) = “False”) only. Following this implementation, schools will also be able to submit actual disbursements (DRI = “True”) for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants via the COD Web Site. This change applies to the 2017–18 Award Year and forward.

We will update the COD System to calculate and edit the award and disbursement amount against the full-time maximum scheduled award amount, subject to the sequestration limitation. This will be displayed on the web as “Sequester-Limited Scheduled Award Amount.”

In addition, we will update the COD System to calculate an Eligibility Used (EU) percentage, a Total Eligibility Used (TEU) percentage and Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU) percentage for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants; these calculations will be separate from the EU, TEU, and LEU calculations for Pell Grants. These values will be displayed on the web and the TEU and LEU will be returned in the Common Record response. The COD System will also be updated to evaluate and edit TEU and LEU limits when Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant awards are submitted or changed.

To ensure accurate EU, TEU, and LEU calculations, we will complete a one-time update to accepted anticipated disbursements on existing Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants on the COD System. With the one-time update, we will convert all ***accepted anticipated disbursements that have been funded with a disbursement date on or before June 5, 2018 to be actual disbursements with a DRI = “True.”*** The conversion will include accepted anticipated disbursements for the 2017–18 Award Year and prior.

**Note:** The School Error Processing Option for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants will always be “Rejecting.” This will apply even if the school has selected “Correcting” as the processing option for the Pell Grant Program. All other Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant School Options will mimic the Pell Grant Program.

**Note for EDEExpress Users:** At this time, the EDEExpress for Windows software will not be updated to support the processing of Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant transactions. EDEExpress schools that have Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants may continue to process those transactions individually through the COD Web Site, and should be prepared to manually track Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant disbursements and originations during their normal reconciliation activities.

### **Edit Changes**

Several existing COD System edits will be modified to accommodate the award processing changes and the submission of actual disbursements for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants. The following edits will be returned on Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants if the conditions for each edit are met: 39, 55, 65, 67, 69, 172, 173, 174, 175, 177, 178, 193, and 201.

COD Warning Edit 192 (Pell Award submitted with IAS Indicator equal to 'true') will not change and will continue to be returned for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants.

COD Reject Edit 194 (Funded Disbursement not allowed for a Pell award with IASG Indicator equal to 'true') will no longer be returned to schools for the 2017–18 Award Year and forward.

Specific information about each of these edits is provided in Volume I, Section 2 and Volume II, Section 4 of the [2018–19 COD Technical Reference](#).

### **Funding Changes**

Overall, the funding process for Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants will not change. A school will be able to draw down funds *after* it has submitted the Iraq and Afghanistan Grant award via the COD Web Site. We will adjust the school's Current Funding Level and send an Electronic Statement of Account (ESOA) to the school. Once the ESOA is received, the school can log in to the G5 website and draw down its Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant funds.

The key difference after June 17, 2018 is that schools will receive the ESOA via their SAIG mailbox, and funding increases will only be determined by the amount of accepted *actual* disbursements (DRI = "True") for the award.

**Note:** Some Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant anticipated disbursements will not be automatically converted in the one-time update discussed above, and schools will need to update the DRI to "True" to receive funding. This includes:

- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant 2017–18 and 2018–19 anticipated disbursements, regardless of disbursement date, submitted to and accepted by the COD System after June 5, 2018.
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant 2017–18 and 2018–19 anticipated disbursements with a disbursement date after June 5, 2018, regardless of when those disbursements were submitted to and accepted by the COD System.

### **COD Web Site Changes**

Several COD Web Site screens will be enhanced to include more detailed Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant information. In addition to these specific pages, COD web pages that include a "Program Type" dropdown box will be updated to include "IASG" as a program option.

**Person Pell Information** – The Person Pell Information page will be updated to include Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant information. If a student has at least one Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant, an “IASG” tab will appear on the page. When a COD web user clicks on the tab, he or she will be able to see summary about the student’s Iraq and Afghanistan Service grants. The page layout will be similar to the Pell Information page. If the student does not have any Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants, the IASG tab will not appear.

**LEU History Search and LEU History** – The LEU History Search page will be updated to allow students with Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants appear in the results. The LEU History page will be updated to include Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant information. If a student has at least one Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant, an “IASG” tab will appear on the page. When a COD Web user clicks on the tab, he or she will be able to see summary LEU about the student’s Iraq and Afghanistan Service grants. If the student does not have any Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants, the IASG tab will not appear.

**School Yearly Totals** – The School Yearly Totals page located within the School tab on the COD Web Site will be updated to include a new row for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant program. The “Total IAS Grants” row will include figures for the “Total Award Amount,” “Total Gross Disbursed Amount,” and “Recipients.” The “Total Net Disbursed” column will always display as “N/A.”

**New Report Request** – The New Report request page will be modified to allow users to request an ESOA or Multiple Reporting Record (MRR) for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Program on the New Report Requests page. Users will also be able to search for these reports on the Report Search page.

**School Funding Information page** – The School Funding Information page will be updated to include summary financial information for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant program. Most of the other school financial pages will also be updated to include the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant program. **Note:** Some Cash Activity information will not be updated and will display as “N/A.”

### **System-Generated Processes (POP, Negative Pending, Deobligation)**

Beginning June 17, 2018, we will include Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants in several system-generated processes. We will evaluate awards for POP and Negative Pending Disbursements. IASG awards will also be subject to deobligation (automatic reduction to \$0) when appropriate.

Specific information about these processes is provided in Volume II, Section 1 of the [2018–19 COD Technical Reference](#).

### **Report Changes**

Beginning June 17, 2018, a Multiple Reporting Record (MRR) will be produced for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Program. The report will provide information about a student’s origination and disbursement status at other Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant eligible schools. It will be sent to schools’ SAIG mailboxes in a comma-delimited (CSV) format; message class IGMRyyOP.

We will also send a system-generated IASG MRR when a student is concurrently enrolled and/or is in a POP situation. The system-generated IASG MRR report in the COD Reporting Portal will be named as “IASG Multiple Reporting Record – System Generated” and will be available and viewable under the School Reports folder – School Report Search page in CSV format.

The existing Pell Potential Overaward Process (POP) Report will be enhanced to include Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant information; a separate IASG POP report will not be produced.

The School Monitoring Report will be updated to include Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant information in both the Pell Grant POP section and the Disbursement Reporting section. When applicable, the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant POP count will be combined with the Pell Grant POP count. In the Disbursement Reporting section, Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants will be added as a separate program.

More details about these reports, including the report layouts, are provided in [Volume VI, Section 8 of the 2018–19 COD Technical Reference](#).

### **Program Closeout**

Currently, schools complete the closeout process for the Direct Loan, TEACH Grant, and Pell Grant programs.

Beginning June 17, 2018, the closeout confirmation process for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Program will be included with the Pell Grant closeout process. This means that when a school performs closeout for the Pell Grant Program, it will also automatically close out the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Program.

If a school needs to process for the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants after the established processing deadline or after closeout, it will need to reopen Pell Grant processing or request Extended Processing for the Pell Grant Program.