

Subject: Updating Teacher Cancellation Low Income (TCLI) Directory

Dear TCLI Liaison:

The Department of Education provides state and territorial agencies with the ability to electronically post an updated list of schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families for inclusion in the Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits. This directory is also known as the Teacher Cancellation Low-Income Directory (TCLI Directory) and is available at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/>. We are pleased to notify you that the Web site is now available to accept listings for the 2011-2012 school year listings as well as any changes to prior years, as appropriate.

The list of schools and educational service agencies that serve low-income families in the TCLI Directory qualifies teachers for loan cancellation under the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program. This list also satisfies certain aspects of the teaching obligation in the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that a teacher must meet in order to satisfy his or her Agreement to Serve. If a state does not update its list of low-income schools, Perkins Loan, FFEL, and Direct Loan borrowers and TEACH Grant recipients who teach in the state may not receive federal program benefits to which they may be entitled. **Note:** This cancellation provision is different from the Perkins Loan teacher cancellation provisions that apply to borrowers teaching in state-designated teacher shortage areas. (See the [Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing 1990-1991 through 2011-2012.](#))

State representatives should have uploaded information in the TCLI Directory for the 2010-2011 school year. We ask that state representatives begin to upload information for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. To access the TCLI Directory and upload your state's information, log in to the TCLI Directory Web site and select the Upload/Download option on the left side of the screen. You may download your information from the previous year, make any necessary updates, and then upload the file to the next school year.

If you have questions about accessing the TCLI Directory Web site or uploading and maintaining your state's information, contact the Campus-Based Call Center at 877/801-7168. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. (ET). You may also e-mail CBFOB@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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