



# COD Processing Update

November 22, 2013

NEWS/UPDATES

- **Current Funding Level (CFL) Changes for Direct Loans (11/13/13)**

Federal Student Aid will process CFL changes for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program during the week of November 11, 2013. Adjustments will include the following:

- An Advance funded school will receive an increase to its 2013-2014 Direct Loan authorization to cover upcoming disbursements
- A Foreign School or a school under Heighted Cash Monitoring or Reimbursement will receive a decrease to its 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 Direct Loan authorization to reduce CFL to the greater of Net Accepted and Posted Disbursements (NAPD) or Net Draws (ND)
- For Award years 2012-2013 and prior, a school's CFL will be reduced to equal NAPD and ND if those two amounts are the same and the latest award end date is prior to July 2013

If you have any questions about the CFL changes for Direct Loans, please contact the COD School Relations Center.

- **COD Common Record XML Schema Version 4.0a Now Available (10/30/13)**

In Spring 2014, Federal Student Aid plans to implement Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System functionality that will support the processing of Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant), Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) awards for the 2014-2015 Award Year. In conjunction with this implementation, Federal Student Aid will begin using a new version of the COD Common Record Extensible Markup Language (XML) Schema. The new schema version is 4.0a.

For complete information about the new schema version, refer to ["COD Common Record XML Schema Version 4.0a"](#) posted on the IFAP Web site.

If you have questions about the schema, contact the COD School Relations Center.

- **150% Direct Subsidized Loan Limit - Tracking Teacher Certification Programs for the 2013-2014 Direct Loan Processing Year (10/28/13)**

On October 25, 2013, Federal Student Aid posted an [Electronic Announcement](#) advising schools that offer certain types of teacher certification programs of a special reporting process that will be required for first-time borrowers enrolled in such programs during the 2013-2014 Direct Loan Processing Year.

As explained in the Electronic Announcement, Federal Student Aid will provide technical specifications and reporting deadlines in forthcoming communications posted to the IFAP Web site. Please monitor the IFAP Web site for this guidance.



- **Operational Updates and COD System Readiness for Direct Loan Origination Fee Percent Increases (10/28/13)**

As explained in [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) GEN-13-22](#) posted on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web site, the origination fee for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans (for both parent and graduate student borrowers) will increase as of December 1, 2013. In an [October 25, 2013 Electronic Announcement](#), Federal Student Aid provides some operational updates and information about COD System readiness for processing Direct Loans with the new origination fees.

## CURRENT ISSUES

### DIRECT LOANS

There are no Direct Loan-related issues at this time.

### GRANTS

#### **RESOLVED - Current Funding Level Changes Not Processing in COD System and G5 for Some Schools [(11/13/13) Updated (11/18/13)]**

Federal Student Aid had identified an issue that was preventing 2012-2013 Pell Grant Current Funding Level (CFL) decreases from processing in the COD System and G5 when changes to 2012-2013 Pell Grant disbursements were submitted to and accepted by the COD System. The issue affected some schools since September 19, 2013.

Federal Student Aid corrected the affected CFLs on the evening of Wednesday, November 13, 2013. If you have any questions about the issue, please contact the COD School Relations Center.

## REMINDERS

#### **Keep School Contact Information Current in the COD System (11/22/13)**

We remind schools and third party servicers that contact information in the COD System must be kept current. Contact information is extremely important for us to be able to reach the right people at the school, particularly about program-specific issues. The e-mail

**Contact Information:** If you have questions, contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/474-7268 for Grants or 800/848-0978 for Direct Loans. You may also e-mail [CODSupport@ed.gov](mailto:CODSupport@ed.gov).

addresses for the President, Financial Aid Administrator, Pell Grant Financial Aid Officer, and Direct Loan Financial Aid Officer are used to deliver time-sensitive materials and critical COD processing information to the school.

Having current contact information for the Pell Grant Financial Aid Officer and Direct Loan Financial Aid Officer is most critical for a school that is an additional location to a main campus. The information allows us to contact those officers directly at the additional location rather than needing to contact the main campus.

For more information on updating School Contact Information, please refer to [the December 20, 2012 Electronic Announcement posted on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals \(IFAP\) Web site.](#)