

Additional COD System Processing Function Enhancements and Modifications for 2013-2014
Attachment to November 2013 Electronic Announcement

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the December 14-15, 2013 period.

Changes Impacting All Programs

Ability to Benefit Field on COD Web Site Updated

Beginning December 15, 2013, the dropdown menu for the Ability to Benefit field on the COD Web site will be modified. The dropdown menu text for code '07' will be modified to read "GED certificate or state equivalent test." There is no system change related to Ability to Benefit information sent via batch processing; code '07' remains a valid value for the <AbilitytoBenefitCode> tag, but can be used in cases where there is a state equivalent test instead of the GED.

Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Web Site

Beginning December 15, 2013, we will make the following changes on the StudentLoans.gov Web site:

- ***Addition of Spanish-Language Version of Repayment Estimator Tool*** – The Repayment Estimator tool will be available in Spanish.
- ***Expanded Access to the Repayment Estimator Tool*** – The Repayment Estimator tool will be available on additional platforms, including mobile devices and tablets. The look-and-feel of the tool will change slightly based on the type of device used.

Users will continue to link to the Repayment Estimator tool from StudentAid.gov or StudentLoans.gov; however, users will have the option to access the tool without logging in to the StudentLoans.gov Web site. If the user chooses to use the tool without logging in, student-specific loan data from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) will not be displayed. Users may choose a school type (for example, 4-year public) to view average loan balances for that school type or choose to manually enter loan information.