

COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2018–19 **Attachment to March 2018 Electronic Announcement**

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the March 23–25, 2018 period. We cover the information in the following order:

- Changes Impacting All Programs
- Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs
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- Changes Impacting the Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Programs
- Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Website

Changes Impacting All Programs

The following changes will impact the COD System 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.

Experimental Sites Initiative Reporting Tool Enhancements

With this release, we will enhance the Experimental Sites Initiative (ESI) Reporting Tool for schools participating in the approved experiments. Detailed information about the enhancements to the tool will be provided to participating schools in the near future.

Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs

As explained in other announcements, we will transition Campus-Based business processes to the COD System. Beginning March 26, 2018, authorized COD System users will log in to the COD System to perform Campus-Based business processes.

As a reminder, this transition is a consolidation of the Title IV processing platforms, intending to modernize the look and feel of Campus-Based processing through the same online interface as Direct Loan and Pell Grant processing.

- There will be no change in the Campus-Based data reporting process or content.
- It will not require a schema change or student-level origination and disbursement records for Campus-Based awards in the COD System.
- There will be no change to the current methodology of calculating Campus-Based awards to schools.

For more information about this transition, refer to eCampus-Based Transition announcements [#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#), and [#4](#).

Changes Impacting the Direct Loan Program

The following changes will impact the COD System processing of Direct Subsidized Loan, Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and Direct PLUS Loan awards.

Modifications to Loan Default Status Information on COD Web, StudentLoans.gov, and PLUS Application Responses

Currently, we receive a borrower's loan default status from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) and display that status on the COD Web Site, the StudentLoans.gov website, and return the status in PLUS Application (SP) responses. In cases when a borrower cannot be found on NSLDS, we display no status on the web or return a code (value = E) in the <DefaultOverpayCode> tag.

Beginning March 25, 2018, we will revise our processing logic to indicate that a borrower is considered to be not in default (value = N on the web or in the <DefaultOverpayCode> tag) when that borrower cannot be found on NSLDS.

Changes Impacting the Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant Programs

The following changes will impact the COD System processing of Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant awards.

Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules for the 2018–19 Award Year

[Dear Colleague Letter GEN-18-01](#) provides the payment and disbursement schedules for determining Pell Grant awards for the 2018–19 Award Year for full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time, and less-than-half-time students. All 2018–19 Pell Grant awards must be based on the schedules attached to [GEN-18-01](#).

We will implement the 2018–19 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System during this release. However, if subsequent 2018 appropriations legislation modifies the current schedules, we will publish revised schedules and post operational guidance about implementation of the revised schedules in our systems and software products and on the web.

Note for EExpress Users: EExpress for Windows 2018–2019, Release 2.0, scheduled for release in April 2018, will add Pell Grant functionality for the 2018–19 Award Year. We will communicate EExpress Release 2.0 information through forthcoming electronic announcements on the [IFAP website](#).

Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Website

The following StudentLoans.gov website changes will impact how users interface with the website.

Teacher Cancellation Loan Income Directory Added to StudentLoans.gov

The StudentLoans.gov website will be updated to include the Teacher Cancellation Low Income (TCLI) Directory. The TCLI Directory contains listings of low-income elementary and secondary schools and educational service agencies used to qualify teachers for Teacher Loan Forgiveness and/or to satisfy the TEACH Grant service obligation. Borrowers (or school users) do not have to be logged in to use or search the TCLI Directory.

Schools that have included a link to the former website (tcli.ed.gov) on their websites or any other materials should update the link to <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action> as soon as possible. See also [eCampus-Based Transition announcement #4](#).