

COD System Processing Function Modifications for 2019–20

Attachment to March 2019 Electronic Announcement

This document highlights the processing function enhancements and modifications we will implement during the April 5-7, 2019 period. We cover the information in the following order:

- Changes Impacting All Programs
- Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs
- 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 Campus-Based programs and 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.

R2T4 Transition to COD System

As explained in other announcements, we will transition the Return of Title IV (R2T4) on the Web application to the COD System.

As a reminder, this transition is a consolidation of the Title IV processing platforms, intending to modernize the look and feel of R2T4 processing through the same online interface as other Title IV processing.

- There will be no change to the current methodology for performing an R2T4 calculation.
- The transition will not require a schema change or change student-level origination and disbursement reporting in the COD System.
- Schools will not be required to use the new R2T4 module to perform R2T4 calculations. Use of the Department of Education's R2T4 application has always been, and will continue to be, optional.

For more information about this transition, refer to R2T4 Transition announcements [#1](#), [#2](#), and [#3](#).

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. This enhancement will include the addition of new experiment-specific upload templates. More detailed information about the enhancements to the tool will be provided to participating schools in the near future.

Changes Impacting the Campus-Based Programs

The following changes will impact the Campus-Based programs.

Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate (FISAP) Validation Edit Fixes

Beginning April 7, 2019, we will correct FISAP Validation Edits 03245, 08010, and 09010 so they are only prompted when the conditions specified in the edit description are met. This update will be applied across all FISAPs currently in the COD System, so in the event a school must make corrections to a prior year FISAP the school will no longer receive any of the above Validation Edits in error.

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/or Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant awards.

Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules for the 2019–20 Award Year

[Dear Colleague Letter GEN-19-01](#) provides the payment and disbursement schedules for determining Pell Grant awards for the 2019–20 Award Year for full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time, and less-than-half-time students. All 2019–20 Pell Grant awards must be based on the schedules attached to [GEN-19-01](#).

We will implement the 2019–20 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System during this release.

Note for EDEExpress Users: EDEExpress for Windows 2019–2020, Release 2.0, scheduled for release in late March 2019, will add Pell Grant functionality for the 2019–20 Award Year. We will communicate EDEExpress Release 2.0 information through forthcoming electronic announcements on the [IFAP website](#).

Children of Fallen Heroes Indicator Added to Certain Reports

As explained in an attachment to a [November 20, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#), we updated the COD Web Site to include the Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Indicator (in the form of a “Yes/No” dropdown box). The indicator allows schools to identify recipients who receive a maximum Pell Grant award because the recipient’s parent died in the line of duty while actively serving as a police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer.

Beginning April 7, 2019, the CFH Indicator will be included on the Pell POP report for the 2018–19 Award Year and forward, and the Pell Multiple Reporting Record (MRR), the Pell Reconciliation file, and the Pell Year-to-Date record for the 2019–20 Award Year and forward.

Changes Impacting the StudentLoans.gov Website

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

Additional Process Flow Demonstrations Available on StudentLoans.gov

Beginning April 7, 2019, users will be able to view demo versions of all of the StudentLoan.gov process flows without logging in to the website. The demo versions will not be viewable once a user logs in.

The demo versions will be on the landing page of the corresponding process flow and will allow users to see how the flow works and what data will be needed. Users will be able to move freely through the demos; **however, data entered on any screen will not be saved or updated in the COD System.**

We will add demo versions of the following flows:

- Credit Decision Appeal

- Direct Loan Consolidation Application and Promissory Note
- Direct PLUS Loan Application for Graduate/Professionals Students
- Direct PLUS Loan Application for Parents
- Direct PLUS Loan Endorser Addendum
- Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plan Application
- IDR Plan Application (Co-Signer)
- Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans
- PLUS MPN for Graduate/Professional Students
- PLUS MPN for Parents
- TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS)
- TEACH Grant Exit Counseling