



**United States Department of Education
Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs
National Student Loan Data System**

**Payment of AMF and LPIF
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This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. If that is not you, please forward this update to the appropriate person.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has calculated the Account Maintenance Fee (AMF) for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 1999. ED has also calculated the Loan Processing and Issuance Fee (LPIF) for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 1999 and the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2000. These calculations are based on aggregates of the loans your agency reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). This technical update provides the revised logic for the fourth quarter's AMF and first quarter's LPIF payments, as well as the file layouts for the AMF and LPIF back-up data. Refer to the Dear Guaranty Agency Partner letter dated February 8, 2000, for ED guidance.

Computational Logic

Attachment 1 shows the computational logic ED used to calculate AMF and LPIF payments. The logic for AMF has been revised and is reflected in the attachment. The logic for LPIF for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 1999 remained the same. However, starting in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2000, ED calculated LPIF based on disbursement data. These revisions in logic reflect suggestions from the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP) NSLDS workgroup and the joint management decisions made by the NCHELP central office and ED's Financial Partner Channel Staff.

File Layout for Back-up Data

NSLDS will send back-up data for the AMF and LPIF for your agency to use in its own internal reconciliation process. The data files your agency receives will support the final summary information provided to ED's Financial Partner Channel Staff for fee calculations. The detail data files will come directly from the NSLDS Virtual Data Center in Meriden, Connecticut, and will be on the same medium as your record-level error file.

Attachment 2 contains the file layouts for both the AMF and LPIF back-up data files. Note that the AMF file layout has changed from the previous layout. Also note that LPIF has two file

layouts. One file reflects the LPIF back-up data for the fourth quarter in Fiscal Year 1999, which your guaranty agency should have already received. The second file reflects the LPIF back-up data for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2000 and future calculations.

The external labels for the AMF and LPIF tapes, respectively, will read:

NSLDS.OFFTAPE.AMFYY.GA###
NSLDS.OFFTAPE.LPIFYQQ.GA###

If send via cartridge, the external labels will read:

NSLDS.OFFCART.AMFYY.GA###
NSLDS.OFFCART.LPIFYQQ.GA###

Legend:

YY—Represents fiscal year to which back-up data is applied for fee calculations. For example:

- 99 will be used for calculations made for Fiscal Year 1999.
- 00 will be used for calculations made for Fiscal Year 2000.

QQ—Represents fiscal quarter to which back-up data is applied for fee calculations. For example:

- 01 will be used for quarters ending on December 31.
- 02 will be used for quarters ending on March 31.
- 03 will be used for quarters ending on June 31.
- 04 will be used for quarters ending on September 30.

###—Represents the applicable three-digit guaranty agency code for the tape or cartridge. For example:

- A tape with the label NSLDS.OFFTAPE.LPIF0001.GA123 would contain data used for calculating LPIF fees for GA 123 for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2000.

If you have any questions about the AMF or LPIF, please contact Daniel Simpson of the NSLDS Information Center at (703) 289-1375 or e-mail at dsimpson@fallschurch.esys.com.