



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

**Individual Guaranty Agency NSLDS Data Integrity Improvement Plans
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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.

Individual Guaranty Agency NSLDS Data Integrity Improvement Plans

This is to inform you about a forthcoming Guaranty Agency (GA) NSLDS Data Integrity Alert that will consist of an individual NSLDS Data Integrity Improvement Plan for the year 2000. The plan will be fully customized for each GA. Utilizing information from the GA benchmarks and error reports, the SAS field-by-field analysis of the GA extract, financial reasonability analyses, analysis of underlying loans for Consolidated Loans, GLOS reviews, staff knowledge of data issues, and conversations with the NCHELP Work Group and other GA staff, we will attempt to identify the data integrity issues of prime concern to each agency. Particular attention will be paid to items affecting student eligibility, cohort default rates, and/or payment of fees to GAs.

The spotlighted data integrity concerns may be largely unique to one agency or may affect several agencies. The data items will be tracked over the course of the year in order to target energies and resources on the most important issues affecting NSLDS data integrity at each agency.

Data Integrity Improvement Plans to be Sent to Agency Directors

In a departure from previous practice, the NSLDS Data Integrity Improvement Plans will be sent to GA directors with an explanatory cover letter. NSLDS contacts will receive copies. This action is intended to highlight the importance of NSLDS data integrity improvement issues within the overall framework of agency management priorities.

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