



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

**NSLDS Data Provider Changes  
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*This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. Please forward this update to the appropriate person.*

## **Loan Status Codes (Table 1-1, 1-2)**

NSLDS has implemented new, redefined loan status codes that are listed in Table 1-1. Using the current Data Provider Instructions as a baseline, deletions are marked with a cross-out (e.g., ~~cross-out~~) and additions are underlined (e.g., underlined).

Some definitions and requirements have been revised to provide clarity. Table 1-2 indicates the valid time periods in which a loan status code can be used has also been included. NSLDS has already implemented the system changes necessary to accommodate the loan status codes included in this update. Guaranty agencies and lenders can begin using the new loan status codes effective **January 1, 2001**. Lenders should establish a mutually agreeable implementation plan with their respective guaranty agencies. All new loan status codes should be used effective **January 1, 2002**.

## **Loan Transfer Code (Table 1-3)**

Note the following new requirements regarding the loan transfer process:

- GAs will not be able to report **AE** as the loan status on the first reporting. The loan must first be reported with a valid loan status code prior to transferring to another agency.
- The **AE** Loan Status Date cannot precede any of the following activity dates reported by the originating GA:
  - Date Guaranty Transferred
  - Date of GA Bankruptcy Claim Refund
  - Date of GA Principal/Interest Collections
  - Date of TOP Offset Principal/Interest Collections
  - Date Reinsurance Claim Requested

- Date Supplemental Claim Requested
- A new data provider cannot report on a transferred loan until current data provider has successfully reported the transfer to NSLDS.
- DCS (GA555) and ECMC (GA927) will only be permitted to report on loans specifically transferred to them by another data provider.
- Although the Loan Transfer process uses the Code for Loan Status field (063), Date of Loan Status (062), and Code for Servicer (088) for reporting a transfer to NSLDS, these fields will not be stored as an actual loan status activity in NSLDS history. The data will be maintained in a separate table to track the 'handshake' between two agencies.

### **Student Identifier Match Logic: Data Provider Edit Changes Action Plan Update (Table 2)**

Technical Update GA-2000-008 (October 2, 2000) provided you with a Data Provider Edit Changes Action Plan. The second set of changes (item 7 of the action plan) was implemented on December 5, 2000. Table 2 of this Technical Update explains the changes in detail. Early indications are that over 50% of the identifier conflicts are being eliminated by the revised match logic. Edit changes are explained in the revised pages for fields 021 (Student's Social Security Number) and 041 (New Student's Social Security Number).

### **Updated Guaranty Agency Data Provider Instructions: Edit Changes (Table 3)**

Table 3 contains the edit changes implemented on December 5 and 10, 2000. Deletions are marked with a cross-out (e.g., ~~cross-out~~) and additions are underlined (e.g., underlined). If there is a change to the data element, all pages for that data element are included. Please note that the edits include the new loan status codes and the current codes. Only one new edit (0722) was added (for IA) since no comparable edit existed for the current loan status codes.

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