



**Summary**

This newsletter discusses NSLDS changes implemented due to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (HERA) and includes a brief discussion of special considerations extended to hurricane-affected students/loans and institutions.

NSLDS will be implementing the HERA requirements in a phased approach. Phase I changes will be implemented by July 1, 2006, with Phase II completed by December 31, 2006. Phase I changes include the new "GB" loan type for the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) PLUS Loan for graduate or professional students and the new "D3" loan type for Direct PLUS Loan for graduate and professional students. Additionally, as of July 1, NSLDS will accept and display the new Active Duty Military Deferment code "MO." Also, as part of Phase I, NSLDS will accept online overpayment updates from schools for overpayments associated with the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant.

Another Newsletter will be released later this year with complete Phase II details.

**PLUS Graduate Borrower**

**Federal PLUS Loans for Graduate or Professional Students**

As a result of HERA, graduate and professional students will be eligible to borrow PLUS Loan funds under both the FFEL and Direct Loan programs. NSLDS has designated new loan type codes of "GB" for FFEL PLUS Graduate/Professional Loans and "D3" for Direct PLUS Graduate/Professional Loans.

NSLDS will accept and display the "GB" loan type on July 1, 2006, and the "D3" loan type on August 12, 2006. As with other Title IV loans, schools will be required to confirm and report the enrollment status of students who receive a PLUS Graduate Loan. Therefore, students receiving this loan will be on the Enrollment Reporting Roster of the school associated with the reported loan.

The following is an example of how the new loan type will be displayed on the NSLDS Web site ([nslidsfap.ed.gov](http://nslidsfap.ed.gov)).

Details for Loan **1**

Loan Type: GB - FFEL PLUS GRADUATE

Although NSLDS will accept and display the new “GB” and “D3” loan type codes, we recognize that some trading partners will not be ready to receive these new loan types. NSLDS will convert data elements for exchange with these partners. In the following situations, any PLUS Loan for a graduate/professional student borrower that is displayed on the NSLDS Web site as a “GB” or “D3” loan type will be sent as a FFEL PLUS Loan, “PL,” or Direct PLUS Loan, “D4,” loan type, respectively:

- 2006–2007 ISIR data will reflect any PLUS Graduate/ Professional Loan as a “PL” or “D4” loan type.
- Until December 31, 2006, Transfer Student Monitoring alerts and Financial Aid History requests will display a PLUS Graduate/Professional Loan as a “PL” or “D4” loan type. After January 1, 2007, all PLUS Graduate/ Professional Loans will be reported as they are displayed.

Note: A PLUS Graduate/Professional Loan that has been converted in this manner can be identified by a graduate academic level (A, B, C, D, or G).

## Loan History

### NSLDS Loan History

A borrower’s Aggregate Loan Information will include both PLUS and PLUS Graduate/Professional Loan information. The Aggregate Loan Outstanding Principal Balance amount will be the cumulative Outstanding Principal Balance of each individual PLUS and/or PLUS Graduate Loan listed in the borrower’s Loan Summary section.

#### Loan History



#### Aggregate Loan Information

Loan Type	Outstanding Principal Balance	Pending Disbursements	Total
Subsidized Loans	\$402	\$0	\$402
Unsubsidized Loans	N/A	N/A	N/A
Combined Loans	\$402	\$0	\$402
Consolidation Loans, Unallocated	N/A		N/A
Perkins Loans	N/A		N/A
PLUS/PLUS Graduate Loans	\$2,000		\$2,000

The PLUS/PLUS Graduate Loans row is dynamic and will only display in borrowers’ Loan History if they have either of these types of loans.

## Military Deferment

## NSLDS Reporting of Military Deferments

A new military deferment type, "MO," has been created for loans meeting the eligibility requirements for Active Duty Military Deferment as provided for under HERA. NSLDS will accept the "MO" code on July 1, 2006, for all eligible loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2001. This new deferment type will apply to the FFEL, Direct Loans, and Perkins Loans programs.

### Activities for Loan 2

Action Date	Amount	
<b>Disbursements</b>		
08/20/2004	\$1,312	
<b>Deferments</b>		
Start Date	End Date	Type
02/01/2005	03/01/2006	MO

## ACG and National SMART Grant Overpayments

## NSLDS ACG and National SMART Grant Overpayments

Beginning July 1, 2006, NSLDS will accept online updates from schools for overpayments associated with the new Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant programs.

The screenshot displays the NSLDS National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) interface. At the top, there is a header with the NSLDS logo and the text "START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID" and "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)". Below the header is a navigation menu with buttons for "Menu", "Aid", "Enroll", "Org", "Report", and "Tran". A purple banner indicates the user is logged on as "FIRST LAST NAME from TEST SCHOOL UNIVERSITY".

The main content area shows a user profile for "LOUSY N LOU" with SSN: 481-00-9999 and DOB: 06/08/1961. A "Return To Overpayment List" link is visible. The "Overpayment Add" form is displayed, featuring a dropdown menu for "School" set to "TEST SCHOOL UNIVERSITY". The "Type" dropdown is set to "- SELECT -". The "Disbursement Date" dropdown is also set to "- SELECT -". The "Indicator" dropdown is set to "ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT". The "Repayment Date" dropdown is set to "PERKINS LOAN". The "Source" dropdown is set to "NATIONAL SMART GRANT". A "Submit" button is located below the form.

At the bottom of the page, a purple banner contains the text "PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (AS AMENDED)".

## Overpayment List

While the awards themselves will not be displayed on either the NSLDS Financial Aid Professionals (FAP) or the NSLDS Student Access Web sites until Phase II has been completed, any overpayment associated ACG or National SMART Grants reported by a school will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the NSLDS user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the NSLDS logo and the slogan "START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID". The main navigation menu includes "Menu", "Aid", "Enroll", "Org", "Report", and "Tran". Below the menu, there are search fields for SSN, First Name, and DOB, along with a "Retrieve" button. The user is logged in as "FIRST LAST NAME from TEST SCHOOL UNIVERSITY".

The student information displayed is:

**LOUSY N LOU**  
 SSN: 481-00-9999      DOB: 06/08/1961

A warning icon indicates "Overpayments". Below this, the "Overpayment List" is shown with an "Add Overpayment" button.

History	Type	Ind	Disbursement Date	Repayment Date	Create Date	Source
1	FEDERAL PELL GRANT	SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT MADE	08/30/2004	N/A	01/13/2005	School Updated: 01/13/2005 by FIRST LAST N
2	SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT	OVERPAYMENT	08/30/2005	N/A	06/28/2006	School Updated: 06/28/2006 by FIRST LAST N
3	ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT	OVERPAYMENT	06/27/2006	N/A	06/28/2006	School Updated: 06/28/2006 by FIRST LAST N

At the bottom of the interface, there is a link to the "PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (AS AMENDED)".

NSLDS will maintain historical information on all overpayments reported by schools and the Department of Education. The most recurrent overpayment for each type of overpayment will appear on the Overpayment List page. A new Overpayment History page will be created to display all activity reported for an overpayment.

## Overpayment History

If historical information exists on an overpayment, a History Icon (📖) will be displayed in the Hist column beside the overpayment number. Selecting the History Icon will display the new Overpayment History page, revealing the historical information about the specific overpayment selected.

START HERE  
GO FURTHER  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

Menu Aid Enroll Org Report Tran

Loan History | Overpayment List | Pell Grant | Student Access Interface

Logged on as: FIRST LAST NAME from TEST SCHOOL UNIVERSITY

Return To Overpayment List

LOUSY N LOU  
SSN: 481.00.9999 DOB: 06/08/1961

Overpayments

**Overpayment History**

Type: FEDERAL PELL GRANT  
Borrowed At: TEST SCHOOL UNIVERSITY - 00197000  
Disbursement Date: 08/30/2004  
Create Date: 10/15/2004

Ind	Repayment Date	Source	Update Date	Update By:
OVERPAYMENT	N/A	SCH	10/15/2004	FIRST LAST NAME
SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT MADE	N/A	SCH	01/13/2005	FIRST LAST NAME

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (AS AMENDED)

All NSLDS Web site help pages have been updated to reflect the HERA changes from Phase I.

## Hurricane Update

### NSLDS Hurricane Relief Efforts

Also as of July 1, 2006, NSLDS will provide special considerations for students and institutions that were directly impacted by hurricanes in the fall of 2005. These considerations will be extended to those hurricane-affected students/loans that can be identified by the following:

1. The school code is one of the 33 identified hurricane-affected schools, and
2. The loan period was in the fall of 2005 (loan period overlaps or is within the dates of 08/27/2005 and 12/31/2005).

To accommodate the disposition of any Title IV aid disbursed by Gulf hurricane-affected institutions for an academic period that was delayed, cancelled, or interrupted due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita, NSLDS will adjust aggregate outstanding principal balance (OPB)

calculations.

Loans eligible for these special considerations will have the following record level edits relaxed and/or aggregate OPB calculated differently to allow for additional Title IV aid:

- Total Amount of Disbursements for FFELs will allow for up to two times the Amount of Guaranty.
- Total Amount of Cancellation for FFELs will allow for up to two times the Amount of Guaranty.
- Total Amount of Refund for FFELs will allow for up to two times the Amount of Guaranty.
- Aggregate OPB will be adjusted to reflect the guaranteed loan amount when cancellations and/or refunds have been reported for a loan.

The complete list of the 33 identified schools, as well as guidance and reporting instructions for hurricane-affected loans, can be found on the Financial Partners Web site at [fp.ed.gov](http://fp.ed.gov).