



Summary

This Newsletter identifies NSLDS changes implemented due to the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA).

NSLDS will be implementing the CCRAA requirements in a phased approach. Phase I and II changes were completed as of June 29, 2008 and are reviewed in this Newsletter:

Phase I

- NSLDS started accepting and displaying the new deferment codes “MR” for National Guard, Reservist or Retired Military

Phase II

- Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant reporting by Direct Loan Servicing
- Web displays for TEACH Grant and new Loan Type Code “D8” for Direct Unsubsidized Loans (TEACH) on the NSLDSFAP Web site
- Overpayments and Org Contacts for TEACH Grants

Phase III will be completed by December 31, 2008 and will include the following changes:

- Updates to the Transfer Student Monitoring/Financial Aid History (TSM/FAH) processes
- Enhance data match so Central Processing System (CPS) can include additional TEACH Grant and Direct Unsubsidized Loans (TEACH) and flags in the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR)

Finally, additional information from The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (ECASLA) and future system enhancements to NSLDS will be discussed.

Military Reserve Deferment

The CCRAA created a new deferment in the FFEL, Direct Loan, and Federal Perkins Loan programs for members of the National Guard or Military Reserve, and members of such forces in a retired status, who are called or ordered to active duty service. These borrowers may receive deferment on repayment of the their Title IV loans for a maximum period of 13 months following their completion of active duty military service if the borrower was enrolled in a post-secondary institution at the time of or six months prior to activation.

For data reporting details on this new military deferment type, “MR”, reference the NSLDS Data Provider’s Technical Updates found on Information for Financial Aid Professionals Library (www.ifap.ed.gov) under NSLDS Reference Materials.

Deferment Activities on Loan Details Web page of NSLDSFAP

The “MR” military deferment type code for loans reported as meeting the eligibility requirements for Military Reserve Deferments will display on the loan detail page of NSLDS:

Activities for Loan 1

| Action Date | Amount | |
|----------------------|------------|------|
| Disbursements | | |
| 08/10/2006 | \$27,376 | |
| Deferments | | |
| Start Date | End Date | Type |
| 08/10/2006 | 02/27/2008 | MR |

TEACH GRANTS

Reporting of TEACH Grants data

New for 2008-2009, Direct Loan Servicing (DLS) will report to NSLDS the Common Origination & Disbursement (COD) grant information for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

The new Grant data elements include the following:

| Display Elements | Source |
|---|---------|
| Award Year | COD/DLS |
| OPEID | COD/DLS |
| CPS Transaction Number (Tran) | COD/DLS |
| Award Amount | COD/DLS |
| Amount Paid to Date (Disbursement Amount) | COD/DLS |
| Posted to COD (Posted by COD) | COD/DLS |
| Academic Year Level (Grade Level) | COD/DLS |
| Award ID | COD/DLS |
| Scheduled Award | NSLDS |

Since the Scheduled Award will not be reported by DLS, NSLDS will display the maximum annual award of \$4,000 for each TEACH Grant.

NSLDS will calculate and display a student’s TEACH Grant aggregate limits by academic levels. Totals will be dynamically displayed at the top of the Grants Web page when TEACH Grant data exists. This information will be reported and displayed for the 2008-2009 award year when DLS reporting process commences in July 2008.

Grants Web Page

Additional data reported on NSLDS Grants Web page

To accommodate the new data elements for TEACH Grants, the NSLDSFAP Web site has been enhanced. The following example shows the new TEACH Grant History and Aggregate Information:

The screenshot displays the NSLDS Grants Web page for student YPSILANTI A CURRUTHERS. The page includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and a login status. The main content area shows the following sections:

- Aggregate TEACH Grant Information:** A table showing academic level aggregates, total disbursements, % eligibility used, and eligible remaining amount. A red box highlights this section with a "New" starburst.
- Pell Grant History:** A table with columns for Award Year, Scheduled Amount, Award Amount, Disbursed Amount, % Sched. Award Used by Award Yr, Latest Disb, and Posted by COD.
- National SMART Grant History:** A table with columns for Award Year, Scheduled Award, Award Amount, Disbursed Amount, % Elig. Used by Sched. Award, Latest Disb, and Posted by COD.
- TEACH Grant History:** A table with columns for Award Year, Scheduled Award, Award Amount, Disbursed Amount, Acad. Yr Level, Latest Disb, and Posted by COD. A red box highlights this section with a "New" starburst.

At the bottom of the page, there is a privacy notice and a footer with links for FOIA, Privacy, Security, Notices, WhiteHouse.gov, USA.gov, and ED.gov.

NSLDS will also display a loan conversion symbol (L) to identify a TEACH Grant that has been converted to a loan. The TEACH Grant and the converted Direct Unsubsidized Loan share the same Award ID. To navigate from the TEACH Grant to the corresponding loan detail's web page, click the loan conversion symbol:

The diagram illustrates the navigation process. On the left, the "TEACH Grant History" table shows an entry for the award year 2008 - 2009 with a loan conversion symbol (L) in a blue circle. A green dashed arrow points from this entry to the "Details for Loan" section on the right. A blue arrow points from the "Return to Grant List" link back to the TEACH Grant History table. The "Details for Loan" section shows the loan type as "D8 - DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED (TEACH)" and the award ID as "481000029H10002013001". Below the award ID, it states "Converted to Loan on 07/02/2008".


Loan Web Pages

Reporting of Direct Unsubsidized Loans (TEACH)

The NSLDS web pages will be enhanced to display Direct Unsubsidized (TEACH) "D8" Loans if a borrower's TEACH Grants are converted to loans.

The Aggregate Loan Outstanding Principal Balance amount will be the cumulative Outstanding Principal Balance of each individual Direct Unsubsidized Loan (TEACH) listed in the borrower's Loan Summary section:

[Menu](#) | [Aid](#) | [Enroll](#) | [Org](#) | [Report](#) | [Tran](#)
[Loan History](#) | [Overpayment List](#) | [Grants](#) | [Student Access Interface](#)

 **YPSILANTI A CURRUTHERS**
 SSN: 481.00.0029 DOB: 04/09/1967



Grants

Loan History

Aggregate Loan Information

| Loan Type | Outstanding Principal Balance | Pending Disbursements | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Subsidized Loans | \$14,017 | \$0 | \$14,017 |
| Unsubsidized Loans | \$16,430 | \$0 | \$16,430 |
| Combined Loans | \$30,447 | \$0 | \$30,447 |
| Consolidation Loans, Unallocated | N/A | | N/A |
| Perkins Loans | N/A | | N/A |
| Direct Unsubsidized Loans (TEACH) | \$2,000 | | \$2,000 |



The Direct Unsubsidized Loans (TEACH) row is dynamic and will only display in a borrower's Loan History if they have any D8 loan types.



Loan Summary

| | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 D8 - DIRECT UNSUB LOAN (TEACH) | | Status: DA as of 09/02/2008 | | Loan Detail | |
| FAA STATE UNIVERSITY - 00201300 | | | | | |
| Approved Amt: | \$2,000 | Disbursed Amt: | \$2,000 | OPB: | \$2,000 |
| Loan Date: | 08/20/2008 | Sep. Loan Ind: | A | Loan Period: | 08/20/2008 - 05/01/2009 |
| Last Disb. Date: | 08/23/2008 | Last Disb. Amt: | \$2,000 | Acad. Lv: | A |
| Agg. OPB: | \$0 | | | | |

The following displays updated information on the Loan Detail Web page:

Details for Loan

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Loan Type: | D8 - DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED (TEACH) | | |
| Loan Period Start: | 08/20/2008 | Academic Level: | A |
| Loan Period End: | 05/01/2009 | Award ID: | 481000029H09002013002 |
| Sched. Repayment Date: | 06/01/2009 | Separate Loan Ind: | A |
| Borrowed at OPEID: | 00201300 | Interest Rate: | VAR |
| Borrowed at Name: | FAA STATE UNIVERSITY | | |



NSLDS ISIR Data and Transfer Student Monitoring

NSLDS ISIR Information

TEACH Grant and Direct Loan Unsubsidized Loan (TEACH) data will initially display on 2009-2010 award year ISIRs starting January 2009. Prior award year ISIRs will not display NSLDS TEACH data.

TEACH Data and Transfer Student Monitoring

From July 1 through December 31, 2008 TEACH Grant and TEACH Loan data will not trigger Transfer Student Monitoring (TSM) Alerts. When adding students to the TSM Inform List during this timeframe, NSLDS will not start the monitoring process for TEACH data until January 1, 2009.

Overpayments Web Page

NSLDS TEACH Grant Overpayments

Beginning July 1, 2008, NSLDS will accept online updates from schools for overpayments associated with the new TEACH Grant Program.

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Logged on from [FAA STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

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SSN: 481-00-0029 DOB: 04/09/1967

Overpayment Add

School: [FAA STATE UNIVERSITY](#) +

Type: TEACH GRANT

Disbursement Date: MMDDCCYY

Indicator: - SELECT -

Repayment Date: MMDDCCYY

Source: - SELECT -

Submit

Org Contact Web Page

NSLDS TEACH Grant Organization Contact

To assist other schools that have questions about a student's TEACH Grant, please remember to update your organization's contact information located on the Org tab under the Org Contact List link of the NSLDSFAP Web site. This allows schools to maintain a point of contact (including name, phone number and email address) for this new type of aid. The following example shows how the Teach Grant Contact information is displayed:

START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

NSLDS Menu Aid Enroll Org Report Tran

Org Contact List | Org Search | Data Provider Schedule | Repayment Information | Cohort Default Rate | School Profile

Type: Code: Name: Retrieve

Logged on from [FAA STATE UNIVERSITY](#)

Name: FAA STATE UNIVERSITY
Code: 00201300 Type: School
Status: OPEN
Address: ONE UNIVERSITY PLACE
SHREVEPORT, LA 711152399

Organization Contact List

| Function | First Name / Last Name | Phone / Ext. | Email |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------|
| New 1 TEACH GRANT ISSUES | JOHN DOE | (555)121-1212 | |

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|--|---|
| <p>ECASLA Loan Limits and NSLDS</p> | <p>Information relating to ECASLA</p> <p>The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008 (ECASLA) increased annual and unsubsidized aggregate loan limits. While schools are authorized to use these new limits as of July 1, 2008, the aggregate loan limit warning edits in NSLDS were still set at pre-ECASLA levels.</p> <p>During the prescreening and postscreening processes, NSLDS looks to see if applicants have exceeded aggregate loan limits. If so, NSLDS notifies the CPS to send out SAR/ISIR transactions to students and schools with a SAR "C" flag and the corresponding SAR comment. However, because NSLDS was using pre-ECASLA aggregate loan limits, some of the initial prescreened and system-generated postscreened transactions may be in error and students may be eligible for loan awards that NSLDS has flagged as potentially exceeding the combined aggregate loan limits.</p> <p>NSLDS implemented the increased unsubsidized aggregate loan limit on August 17, 2008, to help reduce the number of prescreened and postscreened SAR/ISIR transactions flagged for exceeding the combined loan limits. Shortly after implementing the higher unsubsidized aggregate loan limit, NSLDS generated postscreened ISIRs (reason code '12'—Applicant no longer exceeds combined aggregate loan limit) for students and schools that were inappropriately flagged.</p> <p>Provided you have proper documentation, you did not have to wait until the postscreened ISIR, with reason code '12', to continue with the award process for the students affected by the delay with system enhancements. GEN-08-08 summarizes the changes to the loan limits and can be located on IFAP.</p> <p>NSLDS intends to implement other ESCALA provisions that affect NSLDS functions by year end.</p> |
| <p>Customer Service Reminder</p> | <p>The NSLDS Customer Service Center at 1-800-999-8219 is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. You may also contact via email to nslds@ed.gov.</p> |