

APPENDIX B

2003–2004 DATABASE MATCHES AND MATCH FLAGS

As we did in 2002–2003, we are providing an expanded chart to show match flags for all the matches, the reasons associated with these match results, the number and text of the SAR/ISIR comment that is triggered, and information on what action the institution needs to take when resolution of a match problem is required.

For the NSLDS match, we have also shown the relationship between the NSLDS Match Flag and the NSLDS Results Flag.

How to Use the Chart

The information is provided for you to use as a quick reference. The *FSA Handbook: Student Eligibility* contains more detailed information about student eligibility and the action needed to resolve discrepancies found in the data matches.

A flag of “C” is an indicator that institutional resolution is required. The “C” flag will be printed on the SAR next to the EFC if any of the conditions described in the chart are met.

Note: Some of these data match results will generate a rejected record. Comments associated with a match results reject do not generate a SAR “C” code. However, a SAR “C” code could possibly be generated by another match result comment and will be printed on SARs rejected for other than match results reasons. An EFC is not provided on any rejected records.

An asterisk (*) in the “Match Flag” column of this chart indicates that a match flag value is not generated for cases that were not/could not be sent to the matching agency.

Selective Service Match

SAR C code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	Y	Match conducted. Applicant's registration status confirmed by Selective Service.	No comment	No resolution required.
	T	Match conducted. Student is within 45 days of his 18th birthday. Applicant is temporarily exempt because he is not yet 18 years old.	026 If you want to register with Selective Service, you may answer "Yes" to both Items 27 and 28 on this SAR, complete a Selective Service registration form at your local post office, or register online at www.sss.gov . Selective Service will not process your registration until 30 days before your 18th birthday.	No resolution required. An update is not required during the year.
C code	N	Match conducted. Applicant not in Selective Service database.	030 The Selective Service reported that you have not registered with them. If you are female or were born before 1960, registration is not required. Otherwise, if you have not yet registered, are male, and are 18 through 25 years of age, to receive aid you must answer "Yes" to both Items 27 and 28 on this SAR, complete a Selective Service registration form at your local post office, or register on-line at www.sss.gov . If you believe you have already registered or are exempt, please contact the Selective Service at 847/688-6888.	Resolution required. In order to meet student eligibility requirements, student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register with Selective Service, • present appropriate confirmation (i.e., his Selective Service Registration Acknowledgment or his letter of registration) that he is already registered, or • qualify for a waiver or exemption

Selective Service Registration

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	Y	Registration conducted. Forwarded name to Selective Service for registration as requested on application or SAR.	031 We have forwarded your name to Selective Service for registration, as you requested.	No resolution required.
	T	Registration conducted. Forwarded name to Selective Service for registration as requested on application or SAR. Registration will be processed by Selective Service 30 days prior to the applicant's 18th birthday.	028 We have forwarded your name to Selective Service for registration, as you requested. They will process your registration request 30 days prior to your 18th birthday.	No resolution required.

Selective Service Registration (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	blank*	<p>Registration not conducted.</p> <p>Applicant requested that ED send name to Selective Service for registration, but applicant is either not within age range or some information needed to register him is missing.</p>	<p>033 We could not send your name to Selective Service as you requested because you did not give us enough information, you are outside the age range for registration, or you did not sign your form. If you are at least 18 but not yet 26, you may register by answering "Yes" to both Items 27 and 28 on this SAR. You must also provide information for Items 1, 2, and 9. You may also register by completing a Selective Service registration form, available at your local post office, or by registering on-line at www.sss.gov. If you are a male who has reached age 26, you cannot use the SAR to register. You must contact Selective Service at 847/688-6888 to resolve your registration status before you can receive federal student aid. You are exempt from registering if born before 1960.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>If student is between the ages of 18 and 25 26, help student make corrections to his SAR/ISIR and submit corrections for processing. If the information needed to register the student is present, student's name will be sent to Selective Service. Review subsequent SAR/ISIR for updated registration flag.</p> <p>If student is over the age of 26 and has not yet registered, student must obtain documentation from Selective Service regarding his registration status. Determine if the student is exempt from registering or is eligible for a waiver of the registration requirement. If student did not register by the age of 26 and is not exempt/waived from the registration requirement, student may not be eligible for aid.</p>

INS Primary Verification Match

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	Y	Match conducted. Applicant's non-citizen eligibility confirmed by INS.	143 Your citizenship status has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and you meet the citizenship requirements for federal student aid.	No resolution required. Do not initiate secondary confirmation unless there is conflicting information about the student's status or if you have reason to believe the status reported is incorrect. The SAR/ISIR will serve as the necessary documentation to prove the student's eligible noncitizenship status.
C code	N	Match conducted. INS did not confirm applicant's non-citizen eligibility.	144 The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has not yet confirmed your statement that you are an eligible noncitizen. INS will continue to check their records and we will notify you when we have received more information from them	Resolution required. See match flag on Secondary Confirmation. INS will conduct the Secondary Confirmation process based on applicant identifier and Primary Verification information only. Next steps will depend on results from Secondary Confirmation match results.

INS Primary Verification Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Reject 17	blank*	Match not conducted. Applicant did not indicate citizenship status.	068 You did not indicate on your application that you are a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. To be eligible to receive federal student aid, a student must be (1) A U.S. citizen (or U.S. National), or (2) An eligible non-citizen, such as a U.S. permanent resident or a resident of certain Pacific Islands, or as determined by the Department of Education.	Resolution required. If student failed to indicate citizenship, INS match was not conducted. However, match was still conducted with SSA to determine citizenship. If SSA Citizenship flag indicates that the student is a U.S. Citizen, record will not be rejected. No resolution is required, but student should correct Item 13 to reflect that student is U.S. Citizen/National. If SSA does not confirm that student is a U.S. Citizen, student will receive reject 17 and resolution will be required. If student is an eligible non-citizen, student should correct citizenship in question 13 to indicate eligible non-citizenship status AND should provide an Alien Registration Number. Student's record will then be sent to the INS match to determine if the student is an eligible non-citizen. Once the corrected SAR is returned, review the INS match flag to determine student's citizenship status.

INS Primary Verification Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	blank*	Match not conducted. Applicant changed from eligible non-citizen to citizen or changed Alien Registration Number.	141 You changed your response to citizenship or you changed the Alien Registration Number verified with INS. You must submit proof of your citizenship status to your Financial Aid Administrator.	Resolution required. Determine why student changed citizenship status and resolve any conflicting information. Student may need to submit proof of citizenship depending on reason for change.
C code	blank*	Match not conducted. Student didn't provide Alien Registration Number or provided invalid Alien Registration Number.	142 The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) could not confirm your statement that you are an eligible non-citizen because there is a question about your Alien Registration Number. You must submit proof of your noncitizen eligibility to your school. If you fail to submit proof within 30 days, or longer if your school allows, you may not be eligible for federal student aid.	Resolution required. If student failed to provide Alien Registration Number or provided an invalid Alien Registration Number, <i>do not perform secondary confirmation</i> . Instead, help student make corrections to the SAR/ISIR and resubmit for processing. If student provides adequate information to conduct match, record will be sent back to INS for matching. Review match flags on subsequent transactions for updated match flag.

INS Secondary Confirmation Match

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	P	Automated Secondary Confirmation in Progress		Wait at least five, but no more than 15 business days for CPS system-generated ISIR with results of automated secondary confirmation. If no response within 15 days, school must begin paper (G845S) secondary confirmation.
	Y	INS confirmed student is an eligible noncitizen	120 This SAR has been produced due to information we received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding your citizenship status. Your citizenship status has been confirmed by the INS and you meet the citizenship requirements for federal student aid.	No resolution required.
C Code	C	In Continuance	105 This SAR has been produced due to information we received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding your citizenship status. The INS has not yet confirmed your statement that you are an eligible noncitizen. You must submit proof of your noncitizen eligibility to your school. If you fail to submit proof to your school within 30 days, or longer if your school allows, you may not be eligible for federal student aid.	Resolution required. School is encouraged, but not required, to wait ten business days for another systems generated ISIR with updated secondary confirmation match flag before beginning mandatory paper (G845S) secondary confirmation process.

INS Secondary Confirmation Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C Code	N	INS did not confirm eligibility	46 This SAR has been produced due to information we received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding your citizenship status. The INS did not confirm your statement that you are an eligible noncitizen. You must submit proof of your noncitizen eligibility to your school. If you fail to submit proof within 30 days, or longer if your school allows, you may not be eligible for federal student aid.	Resolution required. Must begin paper (G845S) secondary confirmation process.
C Code	X	INS did not confirm eligibility because additional information is needed.	109 This SAR has been produced due to information we received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regarding your citizenship status. The INS did not have enough information to confirm your statement that you are an eligible noncitizen. You must contact the Financial Aid Administrator at your school to find out what information is needed. If you fail to submit the required information within 30 days, or longer if your school allows, you may not be eligible for federal student aid.	Resolution required. Must begin paper (G845S) secondary confirmation process.

Note 1: Before school sends copies of documentation to INS, it should confirm that the student identifiers on the ISIR, especially Alien Registration Number and date of birth, are accurate. If not correct, corrections to CPS should be submitted instead of paper secondary confirmation.

Note 2: In all cases, if school does not receive a response to paper secondary confirmation request in 15 days, student is eligible for aid if documentation appears to support claim of eligible noncitizen.

Social Security Administration's Citizenship Status

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	A or blank	Match conducted. SSA confirmed U.S. Citizenship status	No comment.	No resolution required.
C code	B, C, D, E, F, or *	Match conducted. SSA did not confirm U.S. citizenship status.	146 The Social Security Administration (SSA) did not confirm that you are a U.S. citizen. You need to provide your school with documentation of your citizenship status before you can receive federal student aid.	Resolution required. If student is a U.S. Citizen, student should provide birth certificate, passport, or other documents that definitively prove citizenship. Voter registration cards are not adequate proof of citizenship since many localities do not require proof of citizenship. If student is an eligible noncitizen, student should correct Item 13 to indicate that the student is an eligible noncitizen and Item 14 to indicate a valid Alien Registration Number. If student already provided citizenship and alien registration number on the FAFSA or SAR, determine if student was sent to INS for matching. If student was successfully matched with the INS as being an eligible noncitizen, we will suppress comment 146 <u>and no further resolution is necessary.</u> Note: A match flag of * (asterisk) generally indicates that the student was born in a foreign country to American parents that were stationed in another country (e.g., military, State Department, or Foreign Service). These students generally have a birth certificate indicating that they are U.S. Citizens that were born abroad. The Social Security Administration will not automatically update this flag and the financial aid administrator should document the information in the student's record.

Social Security Administration's Citizenship Status (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	N	<p>Match conducted.</p> <p>SSA unable to verify citizenship because there was no match on SSN, name, or date of birth.</p>	<p>062 The Social Security Administration could not confirm your claim of U.S. citizenship because of questions about your social security number, name, or date of birth.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>Help student make corrections to social security number, name, or date of birth if necessary so that the student's record can be sent back to SSA for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.</p> <p>Note that if the SSN was incorrect, the student may correct the SSN on the SAR/ISIR. If this is done, the student's original SAR ID will not change, but the current SSN reported in field 8 will be changed to reflect the corrected SSN.</p> <p>Alternatively, the applicant may file a new FAFSA under the correct SSN. This FAFSA will be treated as an original application and will be sent through all of the matches as if another FAFSA was never completed. The SAR ID will be the same as the SSN reported on this application.</p> <p>If the student believes the information reported on the application is correct, student should contact the Social Security Administration. Obtain documentation from the student that clearly proves that the student is either a citizen or eligible noncitizen.</p>

Social Security Number Match

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Reject 18	1	<p>Match conducted.</p> <p>No match on SSN (SSN invalid).</p>	<p>024 The Social Security Administration (SSA) did not confirm that the social security number you reported on your aid application is valid. If you believe that the number you reported is correct, contact the SSA. If the social security number is incorrect, you should submit a new application with the correct social security number.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>If the student's SSN is correct, the student must contact SSA. Once SSA corrects its records, the student may reenter the SSN and submit it as a SAR/ISIR correction. Records sent for rematching will continue to receive this match flag until SSA updates its database. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag. If a correction is made to <u>date of birth, SSN, first name, or last name</u>, the record will be sent again for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.</p> <p>If the SSN is incorrect, the student may correct the SSN on the SAR/ISIR. If this is done, the <i>student's original SAR ID will not change</i>, but the current SSN reported in field 8 will be changed to reflect the corrected SSN.</p> <p><i>Alternatively</i>, to obtain a SAR with a SAR ID that matches the student's reported SSN, the applicant should file a new FAFSA under the correct SSN. This FAFSA will be treated as an original application and will be sent through all of the matches as if another FAFSA was never completed. The SAR ID will be the same as the SSN reported on this application.</p>

Social Security Number Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Reject R	2	Match conducted. Date of birth inconsistent with SSA records.	060 The date of birth you reported on your application doesn't match the Social Security Administration's records. If the date of birth you reported is correct, contact the SSA. If it is incorrect, you should make corrections on this SAR.	Resolution required. The student must make a correction to provide the correct date of birth. If the date of birth is correct, the student must correct the date of birth on the SAR/ISIR to the same value reaffirming that it is correct. CPS will then reprocess the transaction without the reject. In addition, if the student's date of birth is correct, the student should contact SSA to update its records. Records sent for rematching in future years would continue to receive this match flag until SSA updates its database. If a correction is made to date of birth, SSN, first name, or last name, the record will be sent again for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.
C code	3	Match conducted. Name inconsistent with SSA records.	061 The name you reported on your application doesn't match the Social Security Administration's records. If the name you reported is correct, contact SSA. If it is incorrect, you should make corrections on this SAR. 064 <i>As we indicated on your previous SAR, the name you reported on your application does not correspond with the social security number you provided in Item 8. If the name you reported is correct, contact the SSA. If it is incorrect, you should make corrections on this SAR.</i>	Resolution required. Student may provide documentation explaining discrepancy in name (e.g., marriage certificate, court order, etc.). If the student's name is correct, the student may wish to contact SSA. Once SSA corrects its records, the student may reenter the name and submit it as a SAR/ISIR correction. Records sent for rematching will continue to receive this match flag until SSA updates its database. If the name is incorrect, the student may correct the name on SAR/ISIR. If a correction is made to date of birth, SSN, first name, or last name, the record will be sent again for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.

Social Security Number Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	4	Successful match.	No comment	No resolution required.
	4	No additional match conducted. Applicant tried to change SSN after SSA verified that reported SSN was correct.	013 You cannot change your social security number because the Social Security Administration already verified that this social security number belongs to you.	No resolution required. This occurs on history correction transactions only. If student used the wrong SSN, yet his name, date of birth, and SSN were confirmed by SSA on the previous transaction, contact ED's <i>Correction Application Coordinator</i> at (785) 838-2141 for further instructions. These cases usually arise when spouses or siblings with similar names use each other's SSNs by mistake. These cases must be resolved.
Reject 8	5	Match conducted. Successful match to a deceased person's record on the SSA database.	145 According to Social Security Administration (SSA) records, the social security number (SSN) you provided in Item 8 belongs to a deceased person. If the SSN in Item 8 is correct, you must contact an SSA office to resolve this problem.	Resolution required. If the student's SSN is correct, the student must contact SSA. Once SSA corrects its records, the student may reenter the SSN and submit it as a SAR/ISIR correction. Records sent for rematching will continue to receive this match flag until SSA updates its database. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag. If the SSN is incorrect, the student may correct the SSN on the SAR/ISIR. If this is done, the <i>student's original SAR ID will not change</i> , but the current SSN reported in field 8 will be changed to reflect the corrected SSN. <i>Alternatively</i> , to obtain a SAR with a SAR ID that matches the student's reported SSN, the applicant should file a new FAFSA under the correct SSN. This FAFSA will be treated as an original application and will be sent through all of the matches as if another FAFSA was never completed. The SAR ID will be the same as the SSN reported on this application.

Social Security Number Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Rejects N, 13, 5, 14, and/or 16	8	<p>No match conducted.</p> <p>Record could not be sent to SSA because no last name, date of birth, or signature provided.</p> <p>Applicant's SSN passed ED's valid range check.</p>	<p>059 The Social Security Administration could not determine if the social security number you reported belongs to you because you did not give us your last name or date of birth. Review these items and make the necessary corrections.</p> <p>NOTE: This comment will print on all transactions as long as the condition exists.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>When SSN was checked against valid range table, SSN was within valid range. Student will still receive reject for missing name, date of birth, and/or signature (not for match flag 8).</p> <p>Reject N: Either first or last name missing.</p> <p>Reject 13: Both first and last name missing.</p> <p>Reject 5: Date of birth blank.</p> <p>Reject 14 or 16: Student signature missing.</p> <p>Help student make corrections to name, date of birth, or signature. When corrections are submitted, record will be sent to SSA for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.</p>

Social Security Number Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Rejects N, 13, 5, 14, 16, and/or P	8	<p>No match conducted.</p> <p>Record could not be sent to SSA because no last name, date of birth, or signature provided.</p> <p>Applicant's SSN failed ED's valid range check.</p>	<p>023 It appears that the social security number you reported on your application is not valid. Review the number you reported in Item 8 and make the necessary corrections.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>Reject P: When SSN was checked against valid range table, SSN was NOT within valid range. Student will also receive reject for missing name, date of birth and/or signature.</p> <p>Reject N: Either first or last name missing. Reject 13: Both first and last name missing. Reject 5: Date of birth blank. Reject 14 or 16: Student signature missing.</p> <p>If the student's SSN is correct, the student should contact SSA. Once SSA corrects its records, the student may reenter the SSN and submit it as a SAR/ISIR correction. Records sent for rematching will continue to receive this match flag until SSA updates its database. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.</p> <p>If the SSN is incorrect, the student may correct the SSN on the SAR/ISIR. If this is done, the <i>student's original SAR ID will not change</i>, but the current SSN reported in field 8 will be changed to reflect the corrected SSN.</p> <p><i>Alternatively</i>, to obtain a SAR with a SAR ID that matches the student's reported SSN, the applicant should file a new FAFSA under the correct SSN. This FAFSA will be treated as an original application and will be sent through all of the matches as if another FAFSA was never completed. The SAR ID will be the same as the SSN reported on this application.</p>

Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Status Match

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	1	Successful match.	No comment.	No resolution required.
C code	2	<p>Match conducted.</p> <p>Dependent and record found on VA database but not a qualifying Veteran.</p>	<p>162 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not confirm that you are or will be a qualifying veteran for purposes of receiving federal student aid for the 2003–2004 school year. If VA is correct, you must provide your parents' information (including signature) on this SAR if you have not already done so. If you believe you are or will be a qualifying veteran, see your Financial Aid Administrator.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>In this situation, CPS assumes “No” to the Veteran Status question. The student does not qualify for Independent status if the response to this question remains “No”, so it is possible that parents' data and signature were not provided. If this is the case, Reject 15 and/or Reject 2 would also be present on the SAR/ISIR.</p> <p>If the student believes the match results are in error, the student should contact a regional VA office to have VA records updated. CPS will continue to send any correction transactions to VA for rematching and an updated match flag.</p> <p>While the student is resolving the discrepancy with the VA, the financial aid administrator may collect documentation from the applicant that clearly demonstrates that he or she is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. The student may provide the DD214 form showing that “Character of Service” is other than “dishonorable.” However, until the information is corrected in the VA database, the match results will not change. If the documentation confirms that the student is a veteran, the financial aid administrator may perform a dependency override, changing the student’s dependency status from dependent to independent. Title IV aid may then be disbursed to the student.</p>

Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Status Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	2	<p>Match conducted.</p> <p>Independent and record found on VA database but not a qualifying Veteran.</p>	<p>163 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not confirm that you are or will be a qualifying veteran for the 2003–2004 school year. If VA is not correct, you should contact a VA office to resolve this problem.</p>	<p>No resolution required.</p> <p>In this situation, CPS assumes No to this question. However, the student qualifies for Independent status based on the response(s) to other student status questions.</p> <p>The student may contact a regional VA office to have VA records updated. The student could then correct the VA status question to Yes which will generate a history correction that will be sent to VA for rematching. But, until the information is corrected in the VA database, the match results will not change.</p>

Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Status Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	3	<p>Match conducted.</p> <p>Dependent and record not found on VA database.</p>	<p>173 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not confirm that you are or will be a qualifying veteran for purposes of receiving federal student aid for the 2003–2004 school year. If VA is correct, you must provide your parents' information (including signature) on this SAR if you have not already done so. If you believe you are or will be a qualifying veteran, contact a VA office to resolve this problem.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>In this situation, CPS assumes “No” to this question. The student does not qualify for Independent status if the response to this question remains “No”, so it is possible that parents' data and signature were not provided. If this is the case, Reject 15 and/or Reject 2 would also be present on the SAR/ISIR.</p> <p>If the student believes the match results are in error, the student may provide the DD214 form (military separation form). However, it is likely that the military branch or Department of Defense has not sent the data to VA. The student should contact a regional VA office to have VA records updated. The student will then need to correct the VA status question to “Yes” which will generate a history correction that will be sent to VA for rematching. Until the information is corrected in the VA database, the match results will not change.</p> <p>While the student is resolving the discrepancy with the VA, the financial aid administrator may collect the DD214 from the applicant that clearly demonstrates that he or she is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. If the documentation confirms that the student is a veteran, the financial aid administrator may perform a dependency override, changing the student's dependency status from dependent to independent. Title IV aid may then be disbursed to the student.</p>

Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Status Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	3	Match conducted. Independent and record not found on VA database.	174 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not confirm that you are or will be a qualifying veteran for the 2003–2004 school year. If VA is not correct, you should contact a VA office to resolve this problem.	No resolution required. In this situation, CPS assumes “No” to this question. However, the student qualifies for Independent status based on the response(s) to other student status questions. It is likely that the military branch or Department of Defense has not sent the data to VA. The student may contact a regional VA office to have VA records updated. The student could then correct the VA status question to “Yes” which will generate a history correction that will be sent to VA for rematching. But, until the information is corrected in the VA database, the match results will not change.

Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Status Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	4	Match conducted. Record found on VA database but applicant on active duty.	180 The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has confirmed that you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. You indicated on your application that you will be released from active duty by June 30, 2004. You must provide documentation of this to your Financial Aid Administrator before you can receive federal student aid.	Resolution required. Student must provide documentation to the school that shows upcoming release orders from a military branch, typically in memorandum format or letter, stating intent to release. There is no requirement to reconfirm actual separation during the award year.
	8	No match conducted. Record could not be sent to VA because no name, date of birth, or signature provided.	161 We could not match your information with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) because you did not give us your full name or date of birth. You should review and correct these items on your SAR.	Help student make corrections to name, date of birth, or signature if necessary so that the student's record can be sent to VA for matching. Review subsequent transactions for updated match flag.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	1	Match conducted. Student not in default or overpayment.	No comment	No resolution required.
C code	2 Incomple te match; No NSLDS data sent.	7	Match conducted. SSN matched, but name and DOB did not match.	138 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) found your reported social security number on their database, but your name and date of birth did not match. Therefore, this SAR does not contain the financial aid history that is associated with your reported social security number.	Resolution required. Determine if the NSLDS record is that of the applicant, by accessing NSLDS online using SSN only to retrieve the matching data. This will help determine whether that SSN belongs to the student being assisted. This method will reveal which data provider supplied the conflicting SSN information. This provider may then be contacted directly to resolve the discrepancy. There is no need to wait for NSLDS to be updated before continuing the award process. If the record belongs to the student, use the information in NSLDS to determine eligibility for SFA funds.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	2	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one loan in default. Defaulted loan is held by a Guaranty Agency, Direct Loan Servicer or ED Region.	132 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you are in DEFAULT on a federal student loan. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your default has been resolved. 124 Contact the following agency(ies) regarding your defaulted federal student loan: Up to three names and phone numbers of Guaranty Agencies, Direct Loan Servicers or ED Regions that are holding the student's defaulted loan(s) will be listed (comments 181– 253).	Resolution required. Depending on loan status, student may need to contact GA, DLS, or EDR and make satisfactory arrangements to repay loan. If student has already repaid loan, obtain documentation that the loan identified as being in default is the loan that was paid off by the student. See attached list of loan status codes and information on student eligibility.
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	2	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one loan in default. Defaulted loan is held by ED.	132 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you are in DEFAULT on a federal student loan. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your default has been resolved.	Resolution required. Depending on loan status, student may need to contact ED and make satisfactory arrangements to repay loan. If student has already repaid loan, obtain documentation that the loan identified as being in default is the loan that was paid off by the student. See attached list of loan status codes and information on student eligibility.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	2	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one loan in default. Defaulted loan is held by lender.	132 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you are in DEFAULT on a federal student loan. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your default has been resolved. 135 To resolve your defaulted federal student loan(s), contact the lender associated with the loan.	Resolution required.
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	2	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one loan in default. Defaulted loan is held by school.	132 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you are in DEFAULT on a federal student loan. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your default has been resolved. 136 To resolve your defaulted federal student loan(s), contact the school associated with the loan.	Resolution required.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	3	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one Pell Overpayment	133 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you have received at least one overpayment of federal student aid funds. You are required by law to repay any funds received from the federal student aid programs to which you were not entitled. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your overpayment has been resolved.	Resolution required. Comment 133 will be provided with one of comments 020, 038, 039, 041, 042, or 043.
			Overpayment held by school	038 To resolve your Pell overpayment, your FAA must contact the school associated with the Pell overpayment.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 4	041 To resolve your Pell overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 5	042 To resolve your Pell overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 9	042 To resolve your Pell overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
			Overpayment held by ED Region 9	043 To resolve your Pell overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621-3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment contact code is blank	020 To resolve your Pell overpayment, your FAA must access NSLDS for additional Pell overpayment information.	
			More than one overpayment	039 To resolve your Pell overpayments, your FAA must access NSLDS for additional Pell overpayment information.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	3	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one FSEOG Overpayment	133 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you have received at least one overpayment of federal student aid funds. You are required by law to repay any funds received from the federal student aid programs to which you were not entitled. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your overpayment has been resolved.	Resolution required. Comment 133 will be provided with one of comments 077, 065, 066, 067, 010, or 079
			Overpayment held by school	077 To resolve your FSEOG overpayment, your FAA must contact the school associated with the FSEOG overpayment.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 4	065 To resolve your FSEOG overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 5	066 To resolve your FSEOG overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
			Overpayment held by ED Region 9	067 To resolve your FSEOG overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621-3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment contact code is blank	010 To resolve your FSEOG overpayment, your FAA must access NSLDS for additional FSEOG overpayment information.	
			More than one overpayment	079 To resolve your FSEOG overpayments, our FAA must access NSLDS for additional FSEOG overpayment information.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	3	Match conducted. Applicant has at least one Perkins Overpayment	133 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you have received at least one overpayment of federal student aid funds. You are required by law to repay any funds received from the federal student aid programs to which you were not entitled. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until your overpayment has been resolved.	Resolution required. Comment 133 will be provided with one of comments 090, 100, 101, 102, 086, or 107
			Overpayment held by school	090 To resolve your Perkins overpayment, your FAA must contact the school associated with the Perkins overpayment.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 4	100 To resolve your Perkins overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment held by ED Region 5	101 To resolve your Perkins overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621- 3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
			Overpayment held by ED Region 9	102 To resolve your Perkins overpayment, call the U.S. Department of Education at 800/621-3115, or write to the U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 4222, Iowa City, IA 52245.	
			Overpayment contact code is blank	086 To resolve your Perkins overpayment, your FAA must access NSLDS for additional Perkins overpayment information.	
			More than one overpayment	107 To resolve your Perkins overpayments, our FAA must access NSLDS for additional Perkins overpayment information.	

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	1 Match found; NSLDS data sent.	4	Applicant has at least one loan in default and owes at least one overpayment. See information for match flags 2 and 3.	134 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates that you are in DEFAULT on at least one federal student loan and that you received at least one overpayment of federal student aid funds. You are not eligible to receive any federal student aid until these items have been resolved.	Resolution required. See resolution for match flags 2 and 3 above.
C code	1		Loan is discharged due to disability	115 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates you have one or more student loans discharged because of a total and permanent disability. Before you can receive additional federal student loans, you must see your Financial Aid Administrator.	Resolution required. Refer to Chapter 3 of the Student Eligibility volume of the 2002-03 Federal Student Aid Handbook, http://www.ifap.ed.gov/sfahandbooks/attachments/0203Vol1Ch3.pdf and Chapters 4 and 5 of the Student Loan Guide, dated 2002, http://ifap.ed.gov/sfahandbooks/attachments/0203SLGCh4Cancellation.pdf and http://ifap.ed.gov/sfahandbooks/attachments/0203SLGCh5Default.pdf
C code	1		Loan is in Bankruptcy	116 The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) indicates you have one or more student loans in an active bankruptcy status. Before you can receive additional federal student loans, you must see your Financial Aid Administrator.	Resolution required See information for comment 115.

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
		8	Match not conducted due to processing problems.		<p>If corrections to the student's data are required, NSLDS match will be conducted again when corrections are sent to the CPS.</p> <p>If no corrections are needed, you must request a duplicate SAR/ISIR. When duplicate SAR/ISIR is requested, record will be sent through NSLDS match again.</p>
C code			<p>NSLDS Subsidized or Combined Loan Total has exceeded loan limits based on NSLDS Postscreening reason code 09 or 10</p>	<p><u>Subsidized: 254</u>, Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your reported grade level, we have determined that you may have received subsidized student loans in excess of loan limits established for the federal loan programs.</p> <p><u>Combined: 260</u>, Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your reported grade level and dependency status, we have determined that you may have received student loans in excess of loan limits established for the federal loan programs.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>In general, students who borrow in excess of aggregate loan limits are ineligible to receive further Title IV assistance; however, if the school determines that the student inadvertently borrowed in excess of the limits, the student may regain eligibility by either repaying the amount borrowed in excess of the aggregate limits, or making repayment arrangements for the excess amount that are satisfactory to the holder of the loan.</p> <p>Refer to Section 668.35(b)(1) of the Federal Student Financial Aid Regulations and Dear Colleague Letter GEN 96-13, Q&A #17 for additional information.</p>

National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Match (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Results Flag	Match Flag	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
			NSLDS Subsidized or Combined Loan Total is close to or exceeding the loan limits based on dependency status and grade level	<p><u>Subsidized: 256–259</u> Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your reported grade level, we have determined that you may have received a total amount of subsidized loans that is close to or exceeds the loan limits established for the federal loan programs. Therefore, your eligibility for additional subsidized student loans may be limited.</p> <p><u>Combined: 262–265, 268–271</u> Based upon data provided by the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and your reported grade level and dependency status, we have determined that you may have received a total amount of student loans that is close to or exceeds the loan limits established for the federal loan programs. Therefore, your eligibility for additional student loans may be limited.</p>	<p>No resolution required.</p> <p>On the CPS 01 transaction, loan limits may already be exceeded. However, CPS would not detect it until NSLDS postscreening occurs. Schools must check aggregate amounts to determine if loan limits are close to or exceeding. If they are exceeding, see action needed for comments 254 and 260. If loan limits are close to the limits, caution should be used to ensure that the student does not exceed his or her loan limits with subsequent Title IV loans.</p>

Drug Abuse Hold

SAR C Code/ Reject	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
Reject 19	Applicant is on the Drug Abuse hold file.	009 We cannot process your application further because of issues raised by terms of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. For information on how to proceed, you must contact us within 30 days from the date of this letter by telephone at 202/377-3243.	No resolution required. May be resolved only by ED. Reject 19. Student is not eligible for aid.
	Applicant has been released from the Drug Abuse hold file.	055 Your denial of benefits under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 has been resolved and processing of your student aid application may continue.	No resolution required.

NOTE: There are no match flag values associated with hold files. Hold files are maintained at the CPS and not at an outside matching agency.

Drug Conviction Question #35

SAR C Code/ Reject	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	Applicant left question 35 blank.	053 You left Item 35 blank. Your failure to provide an answer to this question makes you ineligible to receive Title IV aid. Either indicate that you have never been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs or use the enclosed worksheet to determine your answer to this question. In any case, you can correct this item by calling 800/4FED-AID (800/433-3243) or by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov . You can also use your SAR. Please understand that a drug conviction does not necessarily disqualify you from receiving student aid.	Resolution required. Applicant is not eligible for federal aid if this response is left blank. A correction to provide a response must be made by following the directions provided in the comment text.
C code	Applicant response to question 35 was "Yes (Part Year)."	054 You reported a "2" in response to Item 35. This indicates that you are ineligible for federal student aid for part of the 2003–2004 school year. Your period of ineligibility resulting from your drug-related conviction(s) ends on or after July 1, 2003 but before June 30, 2004. You should contact your FAA when your ineligibility period ends so that he or she can determine if you may receive federal funds during the 2003–2004 award year.	Resolution required. Applicant is not eligible for federal aid until ineligibility period expires between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

Drug Conviction Question #35 (continued)

SAR C Code/ Reject	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
C code	Applicant response to question 35 was "Yes" on a paper FAFSA.	<p>056 You reported in Item 35 that you have been convicted of an illegal drug offense. Use the enclosed worksheet to determine if your conviction(s) affect your eligibility for federal student aid. If you determine that your conviction(s) do not affect your eligibility for federal student aid, or affect it for only part of the 2003–2004 school year, you must correct Item 35 by using your SAR. You can also correct this item or get additional help with this question by calling 800/4FED-AID (800/433-3243).</p> <p>YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID WHILE YOUR ANSWER TO ITEM 35 IS "3." Whether or not your conviction(s) affect your eligibility for federal student aid, you may still be eligible to receive state, school, or other non-federal student aid.</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>Applicant is not eligible for federal aid. If response is incorrect, applicant should follow directions in the comment text to make a change. Applicant should not be referred to any other phone numbers at the Department of Education for resolution.</p>
C code	Applicant response to question 35 was "Yes" on other than a paper FAFSA.	<p>058 You reported in Item 35 that you are not eligible for federal student aid as a result of a drug-related conviction, or that you do not know if your conviction(s) affect your eligibility. You may still be eligible to receive state, school, or other non-federal student aid. If you determine that you have incorrectly answered this question, you must correct Item 35 by using your SAR. You can also correct this item or get help with this question by calling 800/4FED-AID (800/433-3243).</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>Applicant is not eligible for federal aid. If response is incorrect, applicant should follow directions in the comment text to make a change. Applicant should not be referred to any other phone numbers at the Department of Education for resolution.</p>
	Applicant changed response to question 35 from "Yes (Part Year)" or "Yes/Don't Know" to "No."	<p>052 Your answer to Item 35 has changed since you filed your initial application.</p>	<p>No resolution required.</p>

Verification Selection Edits

SAR C Code/ Reject	Reason for Comment/ Results	Comment Number/Text	Action Needed
	Applicant was selected for Verification.	<p>If dependent:</p> <p>170 Your application has been selected in a process called verification. Your school has the authority to request copies of certain financial documents from you and your parents.</p> <p>If independent:</p> <p>171 Your application has been selected in a process called verification. Your school has the authority to request copies of certain financial documents from you (and your spouse).</p>	<p>Resolution required.</p> <p>Student must complete verification and submit all necessary documentation within the necessary time frames if requested by the school.</p> <p>See <i>The Verification Guide</i> for more detailed information.</p>

2003–2004 Comments that generate the C-Flag on SARs and ISIRs *

Comments that generate the C-Flag grouped together:

10, 20, 30, 33, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 46, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 65, 66, 67, 77, 79, 86, 90, 100, 101, 102, 105, 107, 109, 115, 116, 124, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 141, 142, 144, 146, 162, 173, 180, 254, 260

Comments that generate the C-Flag broken out into the areas that the comments are associated with:

Selective Service Match

30, 33, 57

INS Match

46, 105, 109, 141, 142, 144

Social Security Administration Citizenship Status

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Social Security Number Match

61, 64

Veterans Affairs Status Match

162, 173, 180

NSLDS

10, 20, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 65, 66, 67, 77, 79, 86, 90, 100, 101, 102, 107, 115, 116, 124, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 254, 260

Responses to Question 35/Drug Conviction

53, 54, 56, 58

* Please note that in some extremely isolated cases, the C-flag will be provided on an ISIR/SAR without a corresponding comment. This would only happen if the applicant receives an excessive number of comments (including C-Flag comments) and some of the comments have to be suppressed so that a SAR/ISIR can be generated.