

APPENDIX A — Reject Codes and Reject Reasons

Reject Reason Codes

Reject reason codes can be either alpha or numeric. Alpha codes indicate reject reasons that are verifiable—that is, the student can verify the questionable data by re-entering the same value, or can correct it to a different value. Numeric codes are not verifiable—the questioned data must be changed or provided. In all reject situations, the questioned information is highlighted on the SAR and an EFC is not calculated.

A "verify" action on the SAR will override a CPS edit. For example, if a student reports an exceptionally large number of family members, e.g., 20 in the family, the student's application will get Reject W. The student can verify the information by correcting the item to the same value, return the SAR for reprocessing, and Reject W will not be triggered again.

However, if instead of verifying that 20 in the family is correct, the student changes the 20 to 21, the corrected data will be subject to the same edits and will hit Reject W again.

In EDEExpress, an FAA can override a verifiable reject (except Reject P) before transmitting the student's data to the CPS if the FAA knows that the reported information is correct. In FAFSA Express and FAFSA on the Web, the student can also override the reject by verifying the information they have entered.

Reject codes and reasons, and their associated SAR comment codes, are listed here in priority order. If a student is rejected for more than one reason, the reject codes will appear in the FAA Information Box in priority order. The resolution for a rejected SAR is always the responsibility of the student, not the institution, and the SAR comment generated by the reject explains what action the student must take.

Reject Code	SAR Comment Code(s)	Condition
19	8, 9, 18, 56	Student on verification or drug abuse hold file
2	n/a	Incomplete application or Renewal Application (student did not provide income information)
20	76	Too many comments
1	n/a	Simplified needs test not met and all asset information (except age of older parent) is blank
17	68	Citizenship information blank or "No"
13	82	Both first and last names are blank
N	82	Either first or last name is blank
18	24	Social security number not on SSA data base
P	23	Social security number not within valid range
8	145	Social security number on SSA data base for deceased person

Reject Code	SAR Comment Code(s)	Condition
5	n/a	Date of birth is blank or invalid
4	n/a	Date of birth year equal to or greater than current year
B	n/a	Independent student, date of birth equal to or greater than September 1, 1983, and not equal to or greater than current year
10	n/a	Marital status and number of family members are blank
W	n/a	Questionable number of family members
11	89, 99	Not married, but two incomes reported
15	108	Unsigned SAR, parent did not sign dependent student's application, or parent did not sign dependent student's Renewal FAFSA on the Web application
16	110, 111	Unsigned FAFSA Express, FAFSA on the Web, or Renewal FAFSA on the Web application