



Student Eligibility Changes for Award Year 2003–2004

Aggregate Changes for Award Year 2003–2004

Aggregate calculations for the Award Year (AY) 2003–2004 have changed to more accurately determine a student's eligibility for Title IV loans. The changes include new definitions, new calculations, a breakdown of FFEL Consolidated Loans, and a new warning icon.

You can now view these changes on the following:

- Loan History page of the NSLDSFAP Web site
- NSLDS History page of the ISIR
- Transfer Student Monitoring Alert
- Financial Aid History batch reports and extracts

New Definitions

Recent Loan—Loan Period End Date plus 90 days and in an in-school loan status. (Previously, it was defined as DL or FFEL in an in-school status and approved/guaranteed within the last calendar year.) This change gives a more accurate aggregate calculation by looking at the loan periods instead of the calendar year and allows a more accurate account of Pending Disbursement calculations.

Net Loan Amount—Approved/Guaranteed Amount minus cancellations, minus refunds. (Previously, refunds were not included in the formula.)

New Calculations

For Recent Loans using the new definition:

- a. If Both Outstanding Principal Balance and Disbursed Amount are greater than zero

Or

- b. Either Outstanding Principal Balance or Disbursed Amount is greater than zero

Then

- c. Use the greater of the Outstanding Principal Balance or Disbursed Amount; but not to exceed Net Loan Amount. If both Outstanding Principal Balance and Disbursed Amount equal zero, use zero. In this case the loan is guaranteed/approved, but not disbursed.

For all other loans:

The aggregate is determined by using the lesser of the Net Loan Amount, Disbursed Amount, or Outstanding Principal Balance if all three are greater than zero. If any of the three values are zero, NSLDS does not use zero in the formula.

This is a minor change to the formula from previous years. NSLDS has excluded improperly reported zero dollar amounts in the Disbursed Amount or Outstanding Principal Balance fields that were previously allowed to misrepresent the Aggregate Outstanding Balance.

Breakdown of FFEL Consolidated Loans

In order to relieve the burden on financial aid administrators, another change this year includes the breakdown of FFEL Consolidated Loans (CL) into Aggregate Subsidized, Aggregate Unsubsidized, Aggregate Combined, and Unallocated Combined.

NSLDS will use a percentage of underlying loans making up the consolidation total. Financial aid administrators are able to see the dollar amounts included in the aggregate totals at the loan detail level on the CL on the:

- The NSLDSFAP Web site
- Transfer Student Monitoring Alert
- Financial Aid History batch reports and extracts

This breakdown is NOT displayed on the NSLDS History page of the ISIR for 2003–2004.

New Warning Icon

The final aggregate change is a warning icon that appears on the Loan History page of the NSLDSFAP Web site for students who are exceeding their aggregate totals. There is one for exceeding subsidized limits and one for exceeding combined limits.

Prescreening Changes for Award Year 2003–2004

New Direct Loan PLUS Master Promissory Note Flag

A new Prescreening Direct Loan PLUS Master Promissory Note (DL PLUS MPN) flag will display on the following:

- Loan History page of the NSLDSFAP Web site
- NSLDS History page of the ISIR
- Transfer Student Monitoring Alert
- Financial Aid History batch reports and extracts

New Discharged Loan Flag Values

Discharged loans will no longer be indicated by a Y (yes) or N (no) flag. Instead, Discharged loans will now display a flag that indicates the specific type of discharge. The new Discharged loan flags include the following:

- D = Death
- R = Reaffirm
- C = Conditional discharge
- P = Permanent discharge
- M = Multiple codes exist
- N = None

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Postscreening Changes for Award Year 2003–2004

Postscreening will begin in mid-January 2003 and will be weekly. (Previously, it was twice a month.)

The Postscreening changes for AY 2003–2004 are:

- Multiple Postscreening codes will be displayed on the NSLDS History page of the ISIR. This page can now display up to three Postscreening codes.
- NSLDS will generate multiple aggregate alerts when a borrower goes from above aggregate limits to below and vice versa.

- NSLDS will generate a Postscreening ISIR for discharge code changes when it starts receiving this information.

Three new Reason Codes are included for this year. They are:

- 11 = No longer exceeds Subsidized aggregate limit
- 12 = No longer exceeds Combined aggregate limit
- 13 = Change in disability status between Conditional and Permanent