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## **Session 33**

# **NSLDS: Can We Say Goodbye To FATs?**

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# *Agenda*

- Financial Aid History - Policy Breakthroughs
- Focus Groups
- New Mid-Year Transfer Process
  - Inform
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## ■ Financial Aid History - Policy Breakthroughs

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# *Financial Aid History Former Policy*

- May use NSLDS except for mid-year transfers
- Must respond to requests for FATs
- Assist colleagues by responding to inquiries
- Determine whether to award aid using authority of GEN-96-13





# *Financial Aid History Interim Policy*

- Effective July 1, 2000
- May use NSLDS for all applicants including mid-year transfers
  - Check NSLDS 30 days prior to the beginning of the first payment period
  - May use ISIR if generated within the 30 day period
- Must respond to requests for FATs
- Assist colleagues by responding to inquiries
- Refer to GEN-00-12 for details



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# *Financial Aid History New: Inform, Monitor & Alert*

- Planned for July 1, 2001
- Use NSLDS for all applicants
- New NSLDS mid-year transfer process to alert school of changes affecting the student's eligibility
- Schools not required to respond to requests for FATs
- Assist colleagues by responding to inquiries



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# ***Financial Aid History FOCUS Groups***

- Meet with the community to define the mid-year transfer process
- First session held July 9th at NASFAA
- Second session held August 25th with proprietary schools
- Third session held at MASFAA on October 10th
- Share your suggestions with us:
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# ***NSLDS Mid-Year Transfers Process Objectives***

- Reduce school workload to meet regulatory requirements
- School informs NSLDS of students to be monitored (inform)
- NSLDS monitors data received and determines who to notify (monitor)
- NSLDS alerts new school (i.e., push data out) of relevant changes (alert)
- Distribute results only to new school
- Provide convenient input and output options



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# ***NSLDS Mid-Year Transfers Who Is Monitored? (Inform)***

- School provides NSLDS with list of applicants
  - Applicant identifiers
  - Enrollment period
  - ISIR Transaction # (optional)
- Input methods:
  - Enter on NSLDSFAP
  - Send data file to NSLDS



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Display New SSN: [ ] First Name: [ ] DOB: [ ] (MM/DD/YYYY) Retrieve

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SSN: 556-88-1025 DOB: 01/04/1949



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Discharge



Aggregate Loan Information

Table with 4 columns: Loan Type, Outstanding Principal Balance (OPB), Pending Disbursements, Total. Rows include Subsidized Loans, Unsubsidized Loans, Combined Loans, FFEL Consolidation, and Perkins.

[x] Mid-Year Screening Candidate Click here for Mid-Year Screening functions



Loan Summary



### Mid-Year Screening List

Sort By:

| SSN                  | Name               | DOB        | Enrollment Begin Date | Enrollment End Date | ISIR Transaction Number | Date Entered | Last Changed By   |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>1</b> 556-88-1003 | ANDREW SINGH       | 08/08/1978 | 01/12/2001            | 05/15/2001          | 02                      | 10/12/2000   | Orvil Hocum       |
| <b>2</b> 570-98-8111 | WARREN PEESE       | 01/02/1971 | 03/12/2000            | 01/15/2001          | 01                      | 01/12/2000   | Jane Lair         |
| <b>3</b> 645-98-8103 | BEN STARR          | 12/10/1976 | 01/18/2001            | 05/12/2001          | 03                      | 09/30/2000   | Bette Garble      |
| <b>4</b> 987-65-4321 | KUTRIANA VON FLORA | 03/11/1981 | 06/01/2001            | 05/30/2002          | 02                      | 07/30/2001   | Gordon Raggededge |



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### Add Student to Screening List

SSN:

First Name:

MI:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Enrollment Begin Date:

Enrollment End Date:

ISIR Transaction Number (optional):

Last Changed By: JOHN KARIS

Date Entered: 10/30/2000

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### Mid-Year Screening Update/Delete

SSN: First Name: MI: Last Name: Date of Birth: Enrollment Begin Date: Enrollment End Date: ISIR Transaction # (optional): 

Last Changed By: JOHN KARIS

Date Entered: 07/30/2001

# *Inform Data File*

- Header record
- Detail record (one per student)
  - Applicant identifiers
  - Enrollment period
  - ISIR Transaction # (optional)
- Trailer record





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# ***NSLDS Mid-Year Transfers What Will NSLDS Do? (Monitor)***

- Is there new data affecting applicant's eligibility?
  - New data means a new loan or Pell Grant was added or changed for attendance at another school (since last ISIR or alert)
    - New or cancelled disbursement on a loan
    - New or cancelled disbursement on a Pell Grant
    - Reduced Pell Grant Award
  - Data for attendance at school to which the applicant is transferring is not monitored
  - Changes in default status or overpayments would continue as done currently (postscreening) so that all schools are notified



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# *Monitor Rules*

## ■ Monitor period

- Starts: Date entered
- Ends: Enrollment end date

## ■ FFEL/FDLP Loans

- Loan at school A overlaps enrollment begin date at school B; or
- Loan begin date at school A is less than 30 weeks before enrollment begin date at school B





## *Monitor Rules (cont)*

### ■ Perkins Loans

- Disbursement at school A is in the same award year as enrollment begin date at school B

### ■ Pell Grants

- Grant at school A is in the same award year as the enrollment begin date at school B



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# *How Are Results Communicated? (Alert)*

- NSLDS communicates results only to the school to which the applicant is transferring
- Output shows entire financial aid history
- Output methods:
  - NSLDSFAP
  - Financial aid history data file (like current FAT batch process-see IFAP)
- Email notification





### Mid-Year Alert List

Monitoring Results as of :

Sort By:

| SSN         | Name               | DOB        | Change Date              | Change                                       | Reviewed   | Enrollment Begin Date | Enrollment End Date | Date Entered |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 556-88-1003 | ANDREW SINGH       | 08/08/1978 | 11/04/2000<br>11/07/2000 | <a href="#">Loan</a><br><a href="#">Pell</a> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> | 01/12/2001            | 05/15/2001          | 10/12/2000   |
| 570-98-8111 | WARREN PEESE       | 01/02/1971 | 03/22/2000<br>03/28/2000 | <a href="#">Loan</a><br><a href="#">Pell</a> | <input type="checkbox"/><br><input type="checkbox"/> | 03/12/2000            | 01/15/2001          | 01/12/2000   |
| 987-65-4321 | KUTRIANA VON FLORA | 03/11/1981 | 09/18/2001               | <a href="#">Pell</a>                         | <input type="checkbox"/>                             | 06/01/2001            | 05/30/2002          | 07/30/2001   |

# *Alert Data File*

- Header record
- Detail records
  - Aggregates, error codes and match flags
  - Name history
  - Loan detail record(s)
  - Pell Grant payment record(s)
  - Overpayment record(s)
- Trailer record



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## *School Alert Profile*

- Email address to send alert notice:
  - New results are available - go to NSLDSFAP
  - New data file being sent - access TIV WAN mailbox
  - Could be group email address
- TIV WAN Mailbox of person to receive data file (only for schools wanting a file sent)
- Add contact person for mid-year transfer questions in Organizational Contacts



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SPRINGFIELD, WA 90909

### School Alert Profile

**Function:** Alert Notices**First Name:** Lloyd**Last Name:** Copperfield**Title:** FAA**Phone:** (474) 621-4758**Fax:** (474) 253-4758**E-mail:** L.Copperfield@ec.edu**TIV WAN Mailbox:** TG50021**Address:** 4398 West Telegraph Street**City:** Springfield**State:** WA**Zip Code:** 90909**Last Update By:** William Hillendale**Update Date:** 9/30/2001

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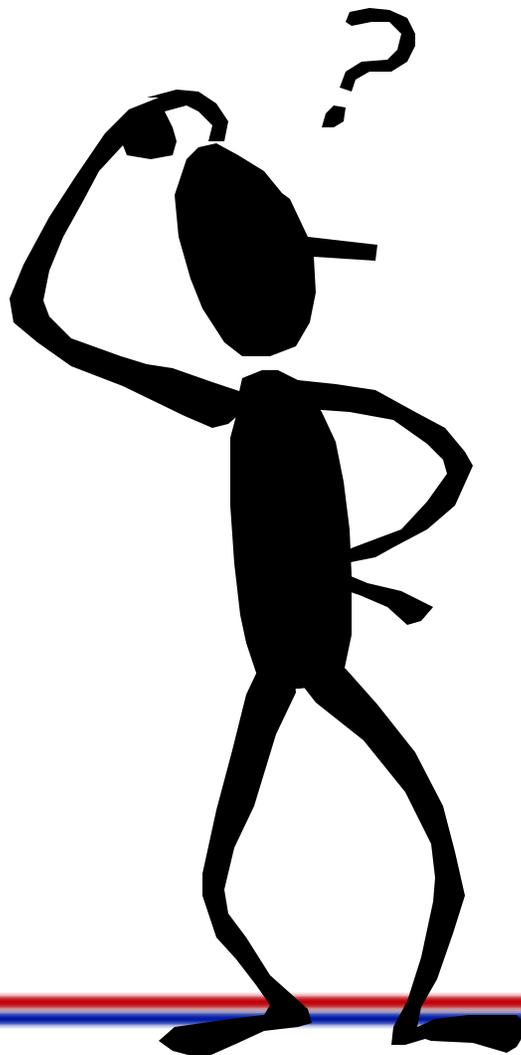
# *YES!*





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# *Questions and Discussion*



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# *ISIR/SAR issues*

- Capitalized interest calculations
- Consolidation loans issues
- Changes for 2001-2



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# *ISIR/SAR Capitalized Interest*

- Included in Outstanding Principal Balance
- NSLDS excludes capitalized interest in aggregates
  - Assumes capitalized interest is paid before principal
  - Includes the lesser of OPB, amount disbursed or net loan amount in aggregates
- NSLDS does calculation for you





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# *ISIR/SAR Capitalized Interest Examples*

- Loan #1:
  - Loan amt: \$3,000
  - Amt Disb: \$3,000
  - OPB: \$2,200
- \$2,200 is included in aggregates as it is the smallest amount.
- Loan #2:
  - Loan amt: \$5,000
  - Amt Disb: \$2,500
  - OPB: \$3,000
- Amount disbursed is the smallest amount. Thus, it is used to compute the aggregate amount. \$500 is assumed to be capitalized interest.



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# *ISIR/SAR Consolidation Loan Issues*

- Consolidation loans have specific loan types [CL (FFEL); D5 and D6 (Direct Loans)]
- Underlying loans reported with PC status and zero OPB
- Date of Loan Status on underlying loans and Consolidation Loan Date should be close
- Some underlying loans may be reported with PF - working with data providers to improve data accuracy
- Consolidation loans may include Perkins (CL or D6) and Health Professions loans (CL or D5)



# ***ISIR/SAR Loan Aggregates***

- Subsidized - SF (subsidized), D1, or D6
- Unsubsidized - SF (non-subsidized), SU, SL, D2, D5, or RF
- Combined - SF (subsidized and non-subsidized), SU, SL, D1, D2, D5, D6, or RF
- FFEL Consolidation - CL





# *ISIR/SAR Consolidation Loan Aggregates*

## ■ Direct Loans:

- D5 - Consolidation Unsubsidized (included in Unsubsidized and Combined aggregates)
- D6 - Consolidation Subsidized (included in Subsidized and Combined aggregates)

## ■ FFEL:

- CL - Consolidation Loan (sub and unsub) (included in FFEL Consolidation aggregate only)
- Contact lender to obtain sub/unsub breakdown of underlying loans



## ***ISIR/SAR Changes for 2001-2***

- Add increased unsubsidized loan indicator due to PLUS denial (Direct Loans only)
- Add increased unsubsidized loan indicator due to Health Professions loan (Direct Loans only)
- Add Master Promissory Note indicator -Yes or No (Direct Loans only)





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# ***New Loan Status Codes***

- Purpose of new codes
- Changes in codes
- Effects on student eligibility
- Implementation schedule



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# *Loan Status Code Purposes*

- What are the key NSLDS functions which are dependent on loan status codes?
- Student eligibility
  - ISIR/SAR
  - Pre/Postscreening
- Payment of fees to guaranty agencies
- Generation of reports
- Policy analysis and research



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# *Loan Status Code Changes*

- Five existing loan status codes are being retired. What are they and what is replacing them?
- ID - In school or grace
  - Replaced by IA (Loan Originated), IG (In-grace) and IM (Military grace)
- UI - Uninsured/unreinsured
  - Replaced by AL, UA, UB, UC and UD
- PC - Paid by consolidation
  - Replaced by DN and PN
- DU (Defaulted unresolved) becomes DF
- DX (Satisfactory arrangements) becomes XD



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## *Loan Status Codes: Old Loans*

- What new codes will be used to resolve problems with old loans?
- DR - Defaulted loan included in rolled-up loan
- PM - Old loans (over 12 years in repayment) with no lender updates will be closed
- AL - Loans with no known lender and no updates on balances for four years



## ***Loan Status Codes: Eligibility***

- Currently, a student with a DB, DL, DO, DU, DT and DW are ineligible for aid. What new codes will cause student to be ineligible?
- **DF - Defaulted unresolved**
- **DZ - Defaulted, missed payment**
- **UB - Temporarily uninsured-default claim denied**
- **UD - Permanently uninsured-default claim denied**
- **AL - Abandoned loan**



## ***Loan Status Codes: Implementation***

- What are the critical dates for implementation of the new loan status codes?
- Development to be completed by end of year
- Data providers may start reporting new codes by Jan 1, 2001
- Data providers must use new codes by December 31, 2001





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