



Technical Update PK-2010-02

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Perkins New Loan Status Code

This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Please ensure the appropriate person receives this update.

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) has been modified to accept a new loan status code for Federal Perkins Loans (Perkins Loans) that have been discharged due to disability based on documentation provided from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

New Loan Status Code – VA

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Pub. L. 110-315, enacted on August 14, 2008, made changes to the Higher Education Act (HEA) to establish a separate process for determining a disability discharge for totally and permanently disabled veterans. A veteran borrower will be considered disabled for purposes of this discharge if the veteran provides documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs showing that the veteran has been determined to be totally and permanently disabled and unemployable due to a service-connected condition.

NSLDS will use “VA” as the Loan Status Code (Field Code 263) for schools to report a loan discharged based on the Department of Veterans Affairs documentation. Loans reported with a “VA” loan status must be reported with a zero balance and will be considered closed. The updated Loan Status Code page of Table B-2 is attached.

NSLDS is ready to receive the new status code as of March 21, 2010, and schools should be prepared to provide the loan status code beginning July 1, 2011.

Attachment A: Perkins DPI, Appendix B, Loan Status Codes change page

If you have any questions, please contact the NSLDS Customer Support Center at 800/999-8219 or by e-mail at NSLDS@ed.gov.

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