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Perkins Loan Cancellation Codes

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.

Introduction

The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) has been modified to accept new codes for loan cancellations for the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program as provided in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), Pub. L. 110-315, enacted on August 14, 2008. This update provides the codes NSLDS will accept to designate the type of cancellation when reported with a Perkins Loan Record.

HEOA Cancellation Changes

The HEOA expanded several current cancellation categories and added additional categories for public service. For more information on these changes, see Dear Colleague Letter, GEN-08-12, <http://ifap.ed.gov/dpclatters/GEN0812FP0810.html>.

NSLDS Cancellations Type Codes

Perkins data providers use a Cancellation Type Code when reporting the "Type of Cancellation" in Field Code 288. NSLDS has established the following codes for the four new public service category types:

FF - Firefighter - for full-time firefighters for service to a local, State, or Federal fire department or fire district.

LB – Librarian - for librarians with a master's degree in library science serving in a Title I funded school or a public library in a Title I school area.

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TB - Tribal College or University - for full-time faculty members at a Tribal College or University.

SP - Speech Pathologist - for full-time speech-language pathologists with a master's degree working in a Title I eligible school.

The HEOA also expanded the use of several cancellation categories with enhanced provisions. NSLDS has updated the Data Provider Instructions (DPI) Table B-7: Cancellation Type Codes with additional descriptions to include the enhanced provisions (see Attachment A).

The Military Service cancellation was enhanced by a change in the calculation for amount to be cancelled. This does not require a change in the cancellation type code. Providers may continue to report military service cancellation using the PM, Perkins Military Service code.

Attachment A: Perkins DPI Appendix B Change Pages

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