

Exit Counseling

Federal Direct Loans



Exit Counseling Folder

- ✓ **Personalized federal student loan balances**
- ✓ **Letter from our office and bookmark**
- ✓ **Loan Servicer information**
- ✓ **Loan Tips and Resources**
- ✓ **If you borrowed a Federal Perkins Loan:**
 - You will have a Perkins repayment document

When to Complete Exit Counseling

Required when you:

- / Withdraw
- / Graduate
- / Drop below half-time
- / Transfer schools

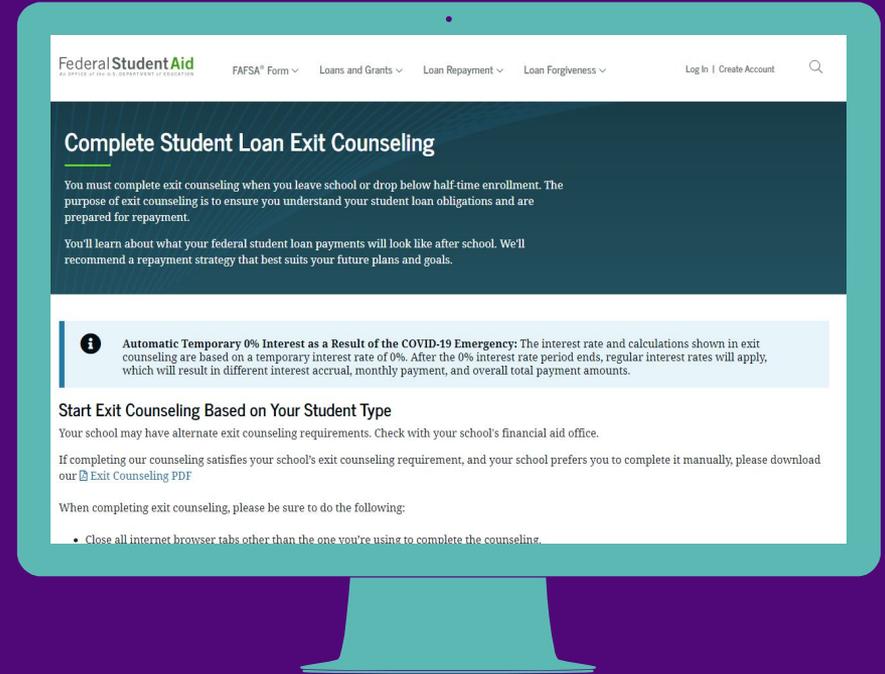
Federal Loans Covered:

- / Direct Subsidized
- / Direct Unsubsidized
- / Direct Grad PLUS

How to Complete Exit Counseling

studentaid.gov

- / Sign in using FSA ID
- / Click “Loan Repayment”
- / Select “Loan Exit Counseling”



Exit Counseling Not Required

Parent PLUS Loans

Parent can locate Loan Servicer by logging in to studentaid.gov with parent FSA ID.

Private Education Loans

Contact lender for repayment information.

Federal Loan Servicer

Federal Loan Servicers

Collects student loan payments and answers questions

Locate Loan Servicer information:

- Go to studentaid.gov
- Log in with FSA ID

Nelnet	nelnet.com/welcome	1-888-486-4722
Great Lakes	mygreatlakes.org	1-800-236-4300
★ Navient	navient.com	1-800-722-1300
★ FedLoan Servicing	myfedloan.org	1-800-699-2908
MOHELA	mohela.com	1-888-866-4352
EdFinancial	edfinancial.com	1-800-337-6884
OSLA	public.osla.org	1-866-264-9762
★ Granite State	gsmr.org	1-888-556-0022
Aidvantage	aidvantage.com	1-800-722-1300
★ <i>No longer servicing federal loans</i>		



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Federal Loan Servicer Changes

Fedloan Servicing → *Mohela, Aidvantage, EdFinancial, Nelnet*

Granite State → *EdFinancial*

Navient → *Aidvantage*

Federal Loan Repayment

Federal Loan Repayment

/ **6 month grace period after graduating or dropping below half-time**

- If you've already used your grace period, repayment begins immediately!

/ **Create online account with Loan Servicer**

- They will contact you with payment schedules
- Keep your info up-to-date (name, address, email, phone, etc.)



Sign up for auto pay for a 0.25% reduction on your interest rate!

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Graduate School Deferment

Continuing on to
graduate school?



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- / Loans will be deferred if you are enrolled at least half-time
- / Automatic process, but double-check with loan servicer!

Time-Driven Repayment Plans

Standard Repayment Plan

Automatically placed in this
plan unless you change it!

- / Fixed monthly payment of at least \$50
- / Max timeframe: **10** years
- / Best option
 - o Less interest = save money!
 - o Monthly payments will be higher

Extended Fixed Plan

Available to new Direct Loan
Borrowers starting Oct. 7,
1998 with more than \$30,000
in Direct Loans

- / Fixed monthly payments
- / Max timeframe: **25 years**
(300 payments)

Graduated Repayment Plan

Payments start lower and
increase every 2 years

- / Max timeframe: 10 years
- / Minimum payments must cover accumulated interest

Extended Graduated Plan

Available to new Direct Loan
Borrowers starting Oct. 7,
1998 with more than \$30,000
in Direct Loans

- / Payments start lower and increase every 2 years
- / Max timeframe: **25 years** (300 payments)

Income-Driven Repayment Plans

Income-Driven Plans

- ✓ **Must apply for these plans at studentaid.gov**
- ✓ **Recertify income EVERY YEAR**
- ✓ **Provide income documentation**
- ✓ **Recommend using Data Retrieval Tool (DTR)**

Loan Forgiveness for Income-Driven Plans

Outstanding balance will be forgiven if you haven't repaid your loans in full after:

- **20 years** if all loans were taken for undergraduate program
- **25 years** if any loans were taken out for graduate or professional study

Income- Contingent Plan

Must apply online at
studentaid.gov and must
update tax information and
family size each year



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Monthly payment lesser of:

- / 20% of discretionary income, or
- / Amount paid for 12 year fixed monthly payment plan

Income-Based (IBR) Plan

Must apply online at studentaid.gov and must update tax information and family size each year

Monthly payment lesser of:

- / 15% of discretionary income, or
- / Standard Plan amount

Must qualify for partial financial hardship

- / High debt to income ratio

Maximum repayment period may exceed 10 years

Pay As You Earn (PAYE)

Must apply online at
studentaid.gov and must
update tax information and
family size each year

Monthly payment lesser of:

- / 10% of discretionary income, or
- / Standard Plan amount

Must qualify for partial financial
hardship

- / High debt to income ratio

Must be new borrower as of
10/01/2007 and have a loan
disbursed after 10/01/2011

Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)

Must apply online at
studentaid.gov and must
update tax information and
family size each year

Monthly payment:

/ 10% of discretionary income

Must qualify for partial financial
hardship

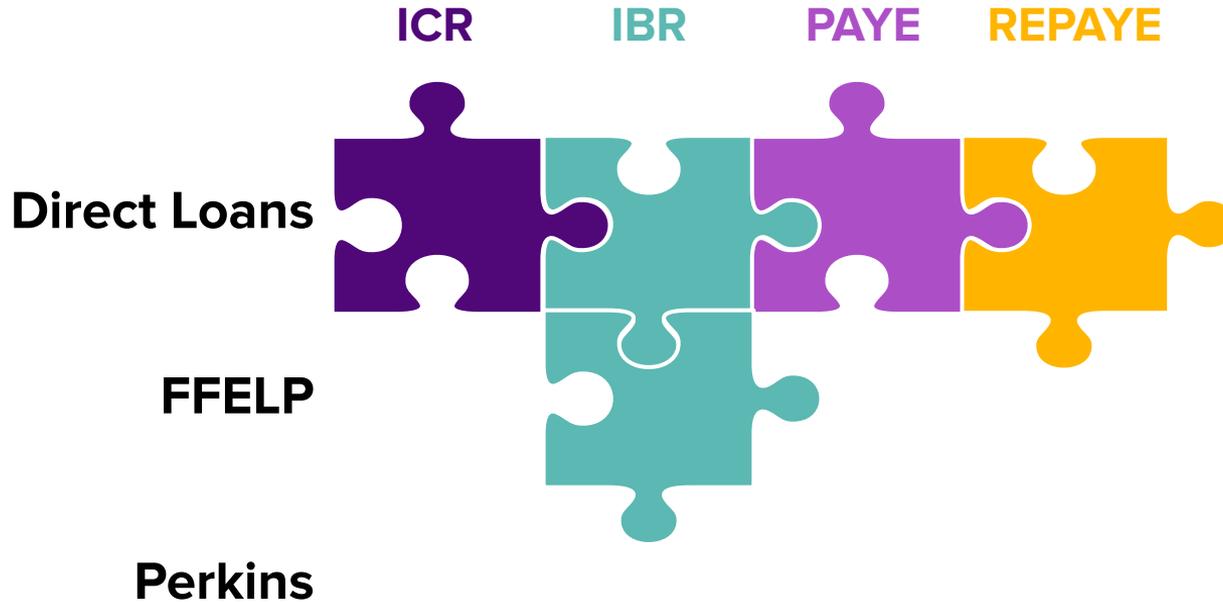
/ High debt to income ratio

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10/01/2007 and have a loan
disbursed after 10/01/2011

Income-Driven Review

Plan	Payment Based on Income	Payment Based on Debt
ICR	20% of discretionary income	12-year standard amount adjusted based on income
IBR	15% of discretionary income	10-year standard amount
PAYE	10% of discretionary income	10-year standard amount
REPAYE	10% of discretionary income	None

Eligible Loan Type



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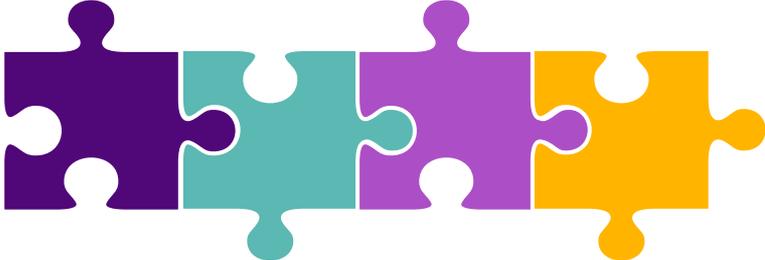
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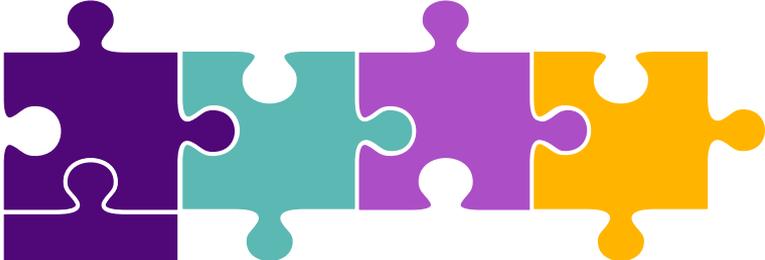
REPAYE

Student loan



Parent loan

Consolidation
(no parent loans)



Consolidation
(parent loans)



Repayment Suggestions

- ✓ **If you borrowed \$15,000 or less and have a job right out of college:**
 - Standard Plan may be the best option
- ✓ **If you borrowed more than \$15,000 and your income is low:**
 - Graduated or Income-Driven plan may be the best option
 - **NOTE:** You will end up paying more in interest!
- ✓ **You can switch repayment plans!**



It's ok to pay more than the minimum amount due!



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Delinquency & Default

Delinquency Vs. Default

Delinquency:

Your monthly payment is not received by the due date

Default:

When you become 270 days delinquent in making payments



Not getting a bill does NOT mean you don't have to pay!

Consequences of Default

- ✓ **Entire unpaid amount becomes due and payable**
- ✓ **Account sent to collection agency**
- ✓ **Reported to credit bureaus** - negatively impacts credit
- ✓ **May be sued and forced to make payments, including collection fees and costs**
- ✓ **All or part of tax refund may be withheld**
- ✓ **Wages may be garnished**
 - Employer required to send payments to Direct Loans as part of your salary
- ✓ **Lose eligibility for federal student aid and loan deferment**



Deferment & Forbearance

Deferment

- ✓ **Temporary postponement of payment on a loan**
- ✓ **Interest generally does NOT accrue on Direct Subsidized Loans.** All other federal student loans that are deferred will continue to accrue interest.
- ✓ **Perkins Loans are with a different servicer - reach out to both when requesting deferment**



Contact Loan Servicer(s) for questions and assistance!



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Forbearance

- ✓ **Monthly loan payments are temporarily suspended or reduced**
- ✓ **Interest continues to accrue on ALL loans**
- ✓ **Unpaid interest will be added (capitalized) to the principal balance of your loan(s)**



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Loan Consolidation

Federal Loan Consolidation

- / **Allows you to consolidate multiple federal loans into one loan**
- / **For more information, visit studentaid.gov**
 - Complete application and select repayment plan



You should NEVER
pay to consolidate!
It's FREE!



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Potential Benefits of Loan Consolidation

- ✓ **Interest Rate:** Fixed, weighted average (no cap)
- ✓ **One bill per month** (most have this anyway)
- ✓ **May have lower monthly payment due to increased time to repay** (up to 30 years)

Disadvantages of Loan Consolidation

- ✓ **Possibly pay more in interest**
- ✓ **Lose borrower benefits** (interest rate discounts, some loan cancellation benefits)
- ✓ **Any outstanding interest becomes part of the principle balance**

Loan Forgiveness

One-time Student Debt Relief

Courts have issued orders blocking the student debt relief program. As a result, at this time, they are not accepting applications.

As part of the Biden-Harris Administration student debt relief plan, eligible borrowers can get a full or partial discharge of loans up to \$20,000.

- / Applies only to loans disbursed before June 30, 2022
- / **Up to \$20,000 in debt relief** if you received a Federal Pell Grant and meet the income requirements
- / **Up to \$10,000 in debt relief** if you didn't receive a Federal Pell Grant and meet the income requirements

Teacher Loan Forgiveness

Up to \$5,000 forgiven if:

- / Teach full-time for 5 consecutive years as highly qualified teacher
- / In low-income elementary or secondary school **OR** low-income educational service agency

Up to \$17,500 forgiven if meet above criteria **AND**:

- / Full-time math or science teacher at secondary level, OR
- / Teacher with a primary responsibility to provide special education
- / Must be certified by Chief Administrative Officer



Visit studentaid.gov for more information!

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

Forgives remaining balance on eligible direct loans after:

- 120 on-time payments (*doesn't need to be consecutive*)
- Under a qualifying repayment plan (*income-driven or standard plan*)
- While working full-time for a qualifying employer

PSLF Qualifying Employment

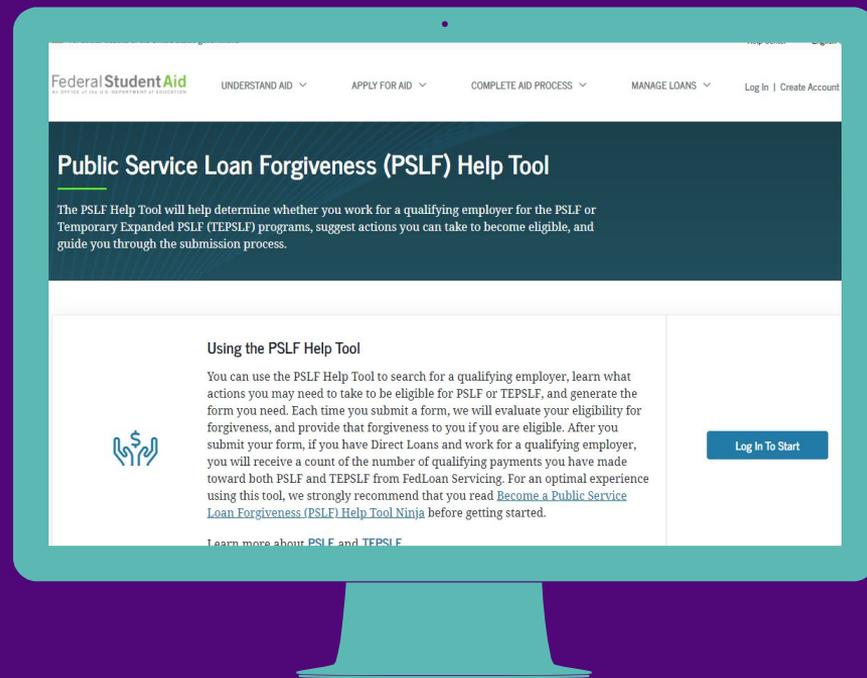
Qualifying employers:

- Government organization at any level
- Not-for-profit organizations that are tax-exempt
- Other types of not-for-profit organizations, if primary purpose is public service (this is rare)
- Serving as a full-time AmeriCorps or Peace Corps volunteer also counts as qualifying employment

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Help Tool

studentaid.gov/pslf

- ✓ Learn more about PSLF
- ✓ Search for a qualifying employer



Final Notes

Loan Servicer

- ✓ **Create online account with your Loan Servicer**
- ✓ **Stay in contact with your Loan Servicer!**
 - If they don't know you are struggling, they can't help!
- ✓ **Notify them of changes:**
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Email
 - Employment status or changes in income

Don't Forget to Complete Exit Counseling Online!

Federal Loans: studentaid.gov

Perkins Loans: uasconnect.com

Questions?

Email: fin-aid@uni.edu

Phone: 319-273-2700

Federal Perkins Loan

Federal Perkins Loan

- ✓ **Managed by the Office of Business Operations**
 - obo.uni.edu/perkins-loan
- ✓ **Payments are made to the school or their servicer**
- ✓ **For Perkins Loans received at UNI:**
 - Loan Servicer: University Accounting Services
 - Exit Counseling: uasconnect.com



9 Month Grace Period
for Perkins Loans

Perkins Loan Forgiveness

- ✓ **If eligible, a percentage is forgiven each year of qualifying employment**
- ✓ **Apply for deferment:** Complete Request for Deferment Prior to Cancellation
- ✓ **To receive cancellation benefits:** File a Request for Cancellation form at the end of your eligible year
- ✓ **See handout and visit:**
 - studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/perkins
 - studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/perkins

