

multiyear award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by IES under 34 CFR 75.118. IES may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to [www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html](http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/appforms/appforms.html).

5. *Performance Measures:* To evaluate the overall success of its education research grant programs, IES annually assesses the percentage of projects that result in peer-reviewed publications and the number of IES-supported interventions with evidence of efficacy in improving learner education outcomes. Student academic outcomes include learning and achievement in academic content areas, such as reading, writing, math, and science, as well as outcomes that reflect students' successful progression through the education system, such as course and grade completion; high school graduation; and postsecondary enrollment, progress, and completion. Social and behavioral competencies include social and emotional skills, attitudes, and behaviors that are important to academic and post-academic success. Employment and earnings outcomes include hours of

employment, job stability, and wages and benefits, and may be measured in addition to student academic outcomes.

6. *Continuation Awards:* In making a continuation award under 34 CFR 75.253, IES considers, among other things: whether a grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the project; whether the grantee has expended funds in a manner that is consistent with its approved application and budget; whether a grantee is in compliance with the IES policy regarding public access to research; and if IES has established performance measurement requirements, whether the grantee has made substantial progress in achieving the performance targets in the grantee's approved application.

In making a continuation award, IES also considers whether the grantee is operating in compliance with the assurances in its approved application, including those applicable to Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department (34 CFR 100.4, 104.5, 106.4, 108.8, and 110.23).

**VII. Other Information**

*Accessible Format:* On request to the relevant program contact person listed in the chart at the end of this notice, as

well as in the relevant RFA and application package, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the RFA in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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**Mark Schneider,**  
*Director, Institute of Education Sciences.*

ALN and name	Application package available	Deadline for transmittal of applications	Estimated range of awards *	Project period	For further information contact
<b>National Center for Education Research (NCER)</b>					
84.305C. Education Research and Development Center Program.	On or before December 7, 2023.	March 7, 2024 ...	Up to 5 years.		
■ Improving Rural Education .....	.....	.....	\$1 to \$2 million .....	.....	Emily Doolittle, <a href="mailto:Emily.Doolittle@ed.gov">Emily.Doolittle@ed.gov</a> , 202-987-0795.
■ K-12 Teacher Recruitment and Retention Policy.	.....	.....	\$1 to \$2 million .....	.....	Wai-Ying Chow, <a href="mailto:Wai-Ying.Chow@ed.gov">Wai-Ying.Chow@ed.gov</a> , 202-245-8198.
■ Improving Outcomes in Elementary Science Education.	.....	.....	\$2 to \$3 million .....	.....	Jennifer Schellinger, <a href="mailto:Jennifer.Schellinger@ed.gov">Jennifer.Schellinger@ed.gov</a> , 202-987-0765.
■ Using Generative Artificial Intelligence to Augment Teaching and Learning in Classrooms.	.....	.....	\$1 to \$2 million .....	.....	Christina Chhin, <a href="mailto:Christina.Chhin@ed.gov">Christina.Chhin@ed.gov</a> , 202-245-7736.

\* These estimates are annual amounts.

**Note:** The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Annual Notice of Interest Rates for Fixed-Rate Federal Student Loans Made Under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans), Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Unsubsidized Loans), and Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loans) made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, Assistance

Listing Number 84.268, with first disbursement dates on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Travis Sturlaugson, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-377-4174 or by email: [travis.sturlaugson@ed.gov](mailto:travis.sturlaugson@ed.gov).

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to

access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans, and Direct Consolidation Loans (collectively referred to as “Direct Loans”) may have either fixed or variable interest rates, depending on when the loan was first disbursed or, in the case of a Direct Consolidation Loan, when the application for the loan was received. Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, and Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, have fixed interest rates that apply for the life of the loan. Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed before July 1, 2006, and Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received before February 1, 1999, have variable interest rates that are determined annually and are in effect during the period from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.

This notice announces the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans with first disbursement dates on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2024, and provides interest rate information for other fixed-rate Direct Loans. Interest rate information for variable-rate Direct Loans is announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

**Fixed-Rate Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2013**

Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)), includes formulas for determining the interest rates for all Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013. The interest rate for these loans is a fixed rate that is determined annually for all loans first disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. The rate is equal to the high yield of the 10-

year Treasury notes auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of that 12-month period, plus a statutory add-on percentage that varies depending on the loan type and, for Direct Unsubsidized Loans, whether the loan was made to an undergraduate or graduate student. The calculated interest rate may not exceed a maximum rate specified in the HEA. If the interest rate formula results in a rate that exceeds the statutory maximum rate, the rate is the statutory maximum rate. Loans first disbursed during different 12-month periods that begin on July 1 and end on June 30 may have different interest rates, but the rate determined for any loan is a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan.

On May 10, 2023, the United States Treasury Department held a 10-year Treasury note auction that resulted in a high yield of 3.448 percent.

Chart 1 shows the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2023, and before July 1, 2024.

**CHART 1—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2023 AND BEFORE 07/01/2024**

Loan type	Borrower type	10-year treasury note high yield 05/10/2023 (%)	Add-on (%)	Maximum rate (%)	Fixed interest rate (%)
Direct Subsidized Loans Direct Unsubsidized Loans.	Undergraduate students .....	3.448	2.05	8.25	5.50
Direct Unsubsidized Loans <sup>1</sup> .	Graduate and professional students .....	3.448	3.60	9.50	7.05
Direct PLUS Loans .....	Parents of dependent undergraduate students ... Graduate and professional students .....	3.448	4.60	10.50	8.05

For reference, Chart 2 compares the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and

Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed during the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with the fixed interest

rates for loans first disbursed during each previous 12-month period from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2023.

**CHART 2—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2013 AND BEFORE 07/01/2024**

First disbursed		Fixed interest rates (%)			Federal Register notice
On/after	Before	Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, (undergraduate students)	Direct Unsubsidized Loans, (graduate or professional students)	Direct PLUS Loans	
07/01/2023 .....	07/01/2024	5.50	7.05	8.05	N/A.
07/01/2022 .....	07/01/2023	4.99	6.54	7.54	87 FR 50326 (August 16, 2022).

<sup>1</sup> Graduate and professional students are not eligible to receive Direct Subsidized Loans.

CHART 2—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2013 AND BEFORE 07/01/2024—Continued

First disbursed		Fixed interest rates (%)			Federal Register notice
On/after	Before	Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, (undergraduate students)	Direct Unsubsidized Loans, (graduate or professional students)	Direct PLUS Loans	
07/01/2021 .....	07/01/2022	3.73	5.28	6.28	86 FR 44003 (August 11, 2021).
07/01/2020 .....	07/01/2021	2.75	4.30	5.30	85 FR 48229 (August 10, 2020).
07/01/2019 .....	07/01/2020	4.53	6.08	7.08	85 FR 2417 (January 15, 2020).
07/01/2018 .....	07/01/2019	5.05	6.60	7.60	83 FR 53864 (October 25, 2018).
07/01/2017 .....	07/01/2018	4.45	6.00	7.00	82 FR 29062 (June 27, 2017).
07/01/2016 .....	07/01/2017	3.76	5.31	6.31	81 FR 38159 (June 13, 2016).
07/01/2015 .....	07/01/2016	4.29	5.84	6.84	80 FR 42488 (July 17, 2015).
07/01/2014 .....	07/01/2015	4.66	6.21	7.21	79 FR 37301 (July 1, 2014).
07/01/2013 .....	07/01/2014	3.86	5.41	6.41	78 FR 59011 (September 25, 2013).

**Fixed-Rate Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2006, and Before July 2, 2013**

Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2013, have fixed

interest rates that are specified in section 455(b) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)). Chart 3 shows the interest rates for these loans.

CHART 3—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2006 AND BEFORE 07/01/2013

Loan type	Borrower type	First disbursed on/after	First disbursed before	Interest rate (%)
Subsidized .....	Undergraduate students .....	07/01/2011	07/01/2013	3.40
Subsidized .....	Undergraduate students .....	07/01/2010	07/01/2011	4.50
Subsidized .....	Undergraduate students .....	07/01/2009	07/01/2010	5.60
Subsidized .....	Undergraduate students .....	07/01/2008	07/01/2009	6.00
Subsidized .....	Undergraduate students .....	07/01/2006	07/01/2008	6.80
Subsidized .....	Graduate or professional students .....	07/01/2006	<sup>2</sup> 07/01/2012	6.80
Unsubsidized .....	Undergraduate and graduate or professional students .....	07/01/2006	07/01/2013	6.80
PLUS .....	Graduate or professional students and parents of dependent undergraduate students.	07/01/2006	07/01/2013	7.90

**Fixed-Rate Direct Consolidation Loans**

Section 455(b) of the HEA specifies that all Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, have a fixed interest rate that is equal to the weighted average of the interest rates on

the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent. For Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2013, the interest rate may not exceed 8.25 percent. However, under

section 455(b) of the HEA, the 8.25 percent interest rate cap does not apply to Direct Consolidation Loans made based on applications received on or after July 1, 2013. Chart 4 shows the interest rates for fixed-rate Direct Consolidation Loans.

CHART 4—DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS MADE BASED ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER 02/01/1999

Application received	Interest rate (%)	Maximum interest rate (%)
On/after 07/01/2013 .....	Weighted average of the interest rates on the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent.	None
On/after 02/01/1999 and before 07/01/2013.	(same as above) .....	8.25%

<sup>2</sup> Effective for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, graduate and professional students are

no longer eligible to receive Direct Subsidized Loans.

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*Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 1087, et seq.

**Richard Cordray,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2023–SCC–0120]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Loan, FFEL, Perkins and TEACH Grant Total and Permanent Disability Discharge Application and Related Forms

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed

information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Go to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, (202) 377–4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Direct Loan, FFEL, Perkins and TEACH Grant Total and Permanent Disability Discharge Application and Related Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845–0065.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 61,629.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 30,814.

*Abstract:* The Department of Education (Department) is requesting a renewal as revision of the information collection, 1845–0065, Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge Application and Related Forms. The regulations governing TPD discharges of federal student loans and TEACH Grant service obligations are contained in 34 CFR 685.213 for the Direct Loan Program, 34 CFR 682.402(c) for the FFEL Program, 34 CFR 674.61(b) for the Perkins Loan Program, and 34 CFR

686.42(b) for the TEACH Grant Program. A final rule published on November 1, 2022 (87 FR 65904) made changes to the TPD discharge regulations, including an expansion of the types of Social Security Administration (SSA) disability determinations that qualify a borrower or TEACH Grant recipient for TPD discharge; elimination of the requirement for borrowers who receive TPD discharges based on SSA determinations or a physician’s certification to provide documentation of their annual earnings from employment during the 3-year post-discharge monitoring period; and expansion of the categories of medical professionals who may certify an individual’s TPD discharge application which necessitate the updating of this information collection. We have also revised the form based on public comment and internal review for ease of use and clarity. We have moved definitions to the front to allow users to know if their loans can be included on this form. We have moved forward where the completed form is to be sent and how to get assistance in completing the form. Further explanation of changes are in the attached comment response table.

Dated: November 20, 2023.

**Kun Mullan,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Annual Notice of Interest Rates for Variable-Rate Federal Student Loans Made Under the Federal Family Education Loan Program Prior to July 1, 2010

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for loans made under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.032, that have variable interest rates. The rates announced in this notice are in effect for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Travis Sturlaugson, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: