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**Richard Cordray,**

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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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 427A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1077a), provides formulas for determining the interest rates charged to borrowers on loans made under the FFEL Program, including Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Stafford Loans), Federal PLUS Loans (PLUS Loans), Federal Consolidation Loans (Consolidation Loans), and Federal Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS Loans). No new loans have been made under the FFEL Program since June 30, 2010.

The FFEL Program includes loans with variable interest rates that change each year and loans with fixed interest rates that remain the same for the life of the loan. For loans with a variable interest rate, the specific interest rate formula that applies to a particular loan depends on the date of the first disbursement of the loan or, in the case of a Consolidation Loan, the date the application for the loan was received. If a loan has a variable interest rate, a new rate is determined annually and is in effect during the period from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.

This notice announces the interest rates for variable-rate FFEL Program loans that will be in effect during the period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Interest rates for fixed-rate FFEL Program loans may be found in a **Federal Register** notice published on September 15, 2015 (80 FR 55342).

For the majority of variable-rate FFEL Program loans, the annual interest rate is equal to the lesser of—

(1) The bond equivalent rate of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned at the final

auction held before June 1 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage; or  
 (2) A statutorily established maximum interest rate.

The bond equivalent rate of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned on May 30, 2023, is 5.462 percent, rounded to 5.46 percent.

For PLUS Loans first disbursed before July 1, 1998, and for all SLS Loans, the annual interest rate is equal to the lesser of—

(1) The weekly average of the one-year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the last calendar week ending on or before June 26 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage; or

(2) A statutorily established maximum interest rate.

The weekly average of the one-year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, for the last calendar week ending on or before June 26, 2023, is 5.26 percent.

For Consolidation Loans that have a variable interest rate, the annual interest rate for the portion of a Consolidation Loan that repaid loans other than loans made under the Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL) Program is equal to—

(1) The bond equivalent rate of the 91-day Treasury bill auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage; or

(2) A statutorily established maximum interest rate.

If a Consolidation Loan (whether a variable-rate loan or a fixed-rate loan) repaid loans made under the HEAL Program, the interest rate on the portion of the Consolidation Loan that repaid HEAL loans is a variable rate that is equal to the average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned for the quarter ending June 30, plus a statutory add-on percentage. For the portion of a

Consolidation Loan that repaid HEAL loans, there is no maximum interest rate.

The average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned for the quarter ending on June 30, 2023, is 5.27 percent.

The statutory add-on percentages and maximum interest rates vary depending on loan type and when the loan was first disbursed. In addition, the add-on percentage for certain Stafford Loans is different depending on whether the loan is in an in-school, grace, or deferment status, or in any other status. If the interest rate calculated in accordance with the applicable formula exceeds the statutory maximum interest rate, the statutory maximum rate applies.

Charts 1 through 4 show the interest rate formulas that are used to determine the interest rates for all variable-rate FFEL Program loans and the interest rates that are in effect during the 12-month period from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Unless otherwise indicated, the cohorts shown in each chart include all borrowers, regardless of prior borrowing.

Chart 1 shows the interest rates for loans with rates based on the 91-day Treasury bill, with the exception of “converted” variable-rate Federal Stafford Loans and certain Federal Consolidation Loans.

Chart 2 shows the interest rates for loans with rates based on the weekly average of the one-year constant maturity Treasury yield.

Chart 3 shows the interest rates for “converted” variable-rate Federal Stafford Loans. These are loans that originally had varying fixed interest rates.

Finally, Chart 4 shows the interest rates for variable-rate Federal Consolidation Loans, and for the portion of any Federal Consolidation Loan that repaid loans made under the HEAL Program.

**CHART 1—SUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS, UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS, AND FEDERAL PLUS LOANS**

[Interest rate based on 91-day Treasury bill]

| Loan type                                   | Cohort  | 91-Day T-bill rate 05/30/23 (%) | Add-on (%)                          |                          | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |                          |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|
|   |   |                                 | 1.70 (in-school, grace, deferment). | 2.30 (any other status). |                  | 7.16 (in-school, grace, deferment).         | 7.76 (any other status). |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on/ after 07/01/98 and before 07/01/06. | 5.46                            | 1.70 (in-school, grace, deferment). | 2.30 (any other status). | 8.25             | 7.16 (in-school, grace, deferment).         | 7.76 (any other status). |
| PLUS .....                                  | First disbursed on/ after 07/01/98 and before 07/01/06. | 5.46                            | 3.10                                |                          | 9.00             | 8.56  |                          |

CHART 1—SUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS, UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS, AND FEDERAL PLUS LOANS—Continued

[Interest rate based on 91-day Treasury bill]

| Loan type                                   | Cohort   | 91-Day T-bill rate 05/30/23 (%) | Add-on (%)                          |                          | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |                          |
|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|
|   |  |                                 | 2.50 (in-school, grace, deferment). | 3.10 (any other status). |                  | 7.96 (in-school, grace, deferment).         | 8.25 (any other status). |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on/after 07/01/95 and before 07/01/98.   | 5.46                            | 2.50 (in-school, grace, deferment). | 3.10 (any other status). | 8.25             | 7.96 (in-school, grace, deferment).         | 8.25 (any other status). |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on/after 07/01/94 and before 07/01/95, for a period of enrollment that included or began on or after 07/01/94.                                   | 5.46                            | 3.10                                |                          | 8.25             | 8.25  |                          |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on/after 10/01/92 and before 07/01/94; and First disbursed on/after 07/01/94, for a period of enrollment ending before 07/01/94 (new borrowers). | 5.46                            | 3.10                                |                          | 9.00             | 8.56  |                          |

CHART 2—FEDERAL PLUS LOANS AND SLS LOANS

[Interest rate based on weekly average of one-year constant maturity Treasury yield]

| Loan type      | Cohort   | Weekly average of 1-year constant maturity Treasury yield for last calendar week ending on or before 06/26/23 (%) | Add-on (%) | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |
|----------------|--|---|------------|------------------|---|
| PLUS .....     | First disbursed on/after 07/01/94 and before 07/01/98.                                   | 5.26  | 3.10       | 9.00             | 8.36  |
| PLUS .....     | First disbursed on/after 10/01/92 and before 07/01/94.                                   | 5.26  | 3.10       | 10.00            | 8.36  |
| SLS .....      | First disbursed on/after 10/01/92, for a period of enrollment beginning before 07/01/94. | 5.26  | 3.10       | 11.00            | 8.36  |
| PLUS, SLS .... | First disbursed before 10/01/92 .....  | 5.26  | 3.25       | 12.00            | 8.51  |

CHART 3—“CONVERTED” VARIABLE-RATE SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

[Interest rate based on 91-day Treasury bill]

| Loan type                                   | Cohort  | Original fixed interest rate (later converted to variable rate) (%) | 91-Day T-bill rate 05/30/23 (%) | Add-on (%) | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/23/92 and before 07/01/94 (prior borrowers). | 8.00, increasing to 10.00.  | 5.46                            | 3.10       | 10.00            | 8.56  |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/23/92 and before 07/01/94 (prior borrowers). | 9.00 .....  | 5.46                            | 3.10       | 9.00             | 8.56  |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/23/92 and before 07/01/94 (prior borrowers). | 8.00 .....  | 5.46                            | 3.10       | 8.00             | 8.00  |

CHART 3—“CONVERTED” VARIABLE-RATE SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS—Continued  
 [Interest rate based on 91-day Treasury bill]

| Loan type                                   | Cohort  | Original fixed interest rate (later converted to variable rate) (%) | 91-Day T-bill rate 05/30/23 (%) | Add-on (%) | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/23/92 and before 07/01/94 (prior borrowers). | 7.00 .....  | 5.46                            | 3.10       | 7.00             | 7.00  |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/23/92 and before 10/01/92 (new borrowers).   | 8.00, increasing to 10.00.  | 5.46                            | 3.25       | 10.00            | 8.71  |
| Subsidized Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford. | First disbursed on or after 07/01/88 and before 07/23/92.                   | 8.00, increasing to 10.00.  | 5.46                            | 3.25       | 10.00            | 8.71  |

CHART 4—FEDERAL CONSOLIDATION LOANS

| Consolidation loan component                             | Cohort   | 91-Day T-bill rate 05/30/23 (%) | Average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day T-bills auctioned for the quarter ending 06/30/23 (%) | Add-on (%) | Maximum rate (%) | Interest rate 07/01/23 through 06/30/24 (%) |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|---|
| Portion of loan that repaid loans other than HEAL loans. | Application received on/ after 11/13/97 and before 10/01/98. | 5.46                            | N/A  | 3.10       | 8.25             | 8.25  |
| Portion of the loan that repaid HEAL loans.              | Application received on/ after 11/13/97.                     | N/A                             | 5.27   | 3.00       | None             | 8.27  |

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**Richard Cordray,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2023-SCC-0196]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Program (1894-0001)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), 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.