

recipients whom SSA identifies as disabled based on MINE disability data to inform them that the Department will discharge the individuals' title IV loans or TEACH Grant service or repayment obligations no earlier than 61 days from the date that the Department sends the notification to the individual, unless the individual chooses to have their loans or service or repayment obligations discharged earlier or chooses to opt out of the TPD discharge within 60 days from the date that the Department sends the notification to the individual.

### Categories of Individuals

Under the Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) for this matching program, the Department will disclose information to SSA from the system of records entitled "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)" (18-11-06) on individuals who owe a balance on one or more title IV, HEA loans, who have had a title IV, HEA loan written off due to default, or who have an outstanding service or repayment obligation under the TEACH Grant Program.

Under the CMA for this matching program, SSA will disclose information to the Department from the Disability Control File (DCF), which originates from the "Completed Determination Record—Continuing Disability Determinations" (60-0050) system of records, on individuals whom SSA identifies as disabled using MINE disability data.

### Categories of Records

The Department will disclose to SSA from the system of records entitled "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)" (18-11-06) the name, date of birth (DOB), and Social Security number (SSN) of the individuals identified in the preceding section. These individuals will be matched with SSA data recorded in the DCF, which originates from the "Completed Determination Record—Continuing Disability Determinations" (60-0050) system of records, in order to provide the Department with MINE disability data.

### System(s) of Records

The Department will disclose records to SSA from its system of records identified as "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)" (18-11-06), as last published in the **Federal Register** in full on June 28, 2023 (88 FR 41934).

SSA will disclose records back to the Department from its systems of records identified as the "Completed Determination Record—Continuing Disability Determinations" (60-0050), which was last fully published in the **Federal Register** at 71 FR 1813 on

January 11, 2006, and updated on December 10, 2007 (72 FR 69723), November 1, 2018 (83 FR 54969), and April 26, 2019 (84 FR 17907).

The Department will maintain matched records that it receives from SSA in the aforementioned system of records identified as "National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)" (18-11-06), along with the Department's system of records identified as "Common Services for Borrowers (CSB)" (18-11-16), last published in the **Federal Register** in full on July 27, 2023 (88 FR 48449).

**Accessible Format:** On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document 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, audiotope, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2024-SCC-0005]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Application

**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 a new information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2024-SCC-0005. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202-8240.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:* Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845–NEW.

*Type of Review:* New ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 74,000.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 24,051.

**Abstract:** This is a new collection. The Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act (JCLSA), amended the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) to allow joint consolidation co-borrowers to apply to separate an existing joint Direct Consolidation Loan or Federal Consolidation Loan into individual Direct Consolidation Loans. The HEA, as amended by the JCLSA, requires joint consolidation loan borrowers to apply to the U.S. Department of Education if they wish to separate an existing joint consolidation loan into one or more individual Direct Consolidation Loans. The JCLSA allows for either joint application or separate application. Under the joint application option, each joint consolidation loan co-borrower applies for an individual Direct Consolidation Loan. Unless the co-borrowers agree on an alternate amount specified in a divorce decree, court order, or settlement agreement, each co-borrowers new individual Direct Consolidation Loan will be made for an amount equal to the co-borrowers' portion of the remaining outstanding balance of the joint consolidation loan. Under the separate application option, a co-borrower who certifies that they have experienced an act of domestic violence or economic abuse from the other co-borrower, or that they are unable to reasonably reach or access the loan information of the other co-borrower, may apply separately for a new individual Direct Consolidation Loan, without regard to whether or when the other co-borrower applies. In this circumstance, the applying co-borrowers new Direct Consolidation Loan will be made for an amount equal to that individual's portion of the joint consolidation loan, determined as described above for the joint application option.

Dated: January 8, 2024.

**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

[Docket No.: ED–2024–SCC–0007]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Regulatory Requirements

**AGENCY:** Office of Finance and Operations (OFO), 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 March 12, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2024–SCC–0007. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W203, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Regina Miles, 202–260–3968.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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:* Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Regulatory Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 1880–0543.

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 20,293,021.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 1,914,593.

**Abstract:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that subject educational agencies and institutions notify parents and students of their rights under FERPA and requires that they record disclosures of personally identifiable information from education records, with certain exceptions.

Dated: January 9, 2024.

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