

review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T05-0401 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05-0401 Safety Zone; Delaware River, Philadelphia, PA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters on a section of the Delaware River between Philadelphia, PA and Camden, NJ, within 500-yards of the EX-USS NEW JERSEY, from surface to bottom.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard petty officer, warrant or commissioned officer on board a Coast Guard vessel or on board a Federal, State, or local law enforcement vessel assisting the Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative via VHF-FM channel 16 or via phone at or 215-271-4807. Those

in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period:* This section will be enforced during active dead ship tow operations, which will occur between 12:01 a.m., May 29, 2024, and 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2024. Notification of an enforcement period will be released via broadcast notice to mariners.

Dated: May 21, 2024.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Delaware Bay.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Parts 682 and 685

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RIN 1840-AD81

Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations; correction.

SUMMARY: On July 10, 2023, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** final regulations amending regulations related to income-driven repayment. This document corrects technical errors in the regulations and preamble. This document does not contain any substantive changes to the regulations.

DATES: Effective July 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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: On July 10, 2023, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a final rule amending regulations related to income-driven repayment (88 FR 43820). Those final regulations contain technical errors, which we are correcting.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking, Negotiated Rulemaking, and Delayed Effective Date

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U.S.C. 553, the Department generally offers interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, the APA provides that an agency is not required to conduct notice-and-comment rulemaking when the agency, for good cause, finds that notice and public comment thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B)). There is good cause to waive rulemaking here as unnecessary.

Rulemaking is “unnecessary” in those situations in which “the administrative rule is a routine determination, insignificant in nature and impact, and inconsequential to the industry and to the public.” *Utility Solid Waste Activities Group v. EPA*, 236 F.3d 749, 755 (D.C. Cir. 2001), quoting U.S. Department of Justice, *Attorney General's Manual on the Administrative Procedure Act* 31 (1947) and *South Carolina v. Block*, 558 F. Supp. 1004, 1016 (D.S.C. 1983). The regulatory changes in this document are necessary to correct technical errors and do not establish any new substantive rules and do not make substantive changes to this regulation. Therefore, the Department has determined that publication of a proposed rule is unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B).

In addition, under section 492 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1098a), all regulations proposed by the Department for programs authorized under title IV of the HEA are subject to negotiated rulemaking requirements. Section 492(b)(2) of the HEA provides that negotiated rulemaking may be waived for good cause when doing so would be “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” There is likewise good cause to waive the negotiated rulemaking requirement in this case, since, as explained above, notice and comment rulemaking is unnecessary.

The APA generally requires that regulations be published at least 30 days before their effective date, unless the agency has good cause to implement its regulations sooner (5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3)). As previously stated, because the regulatory changes correct errors, there is good cause to waive the delayed effective date in the APA and make the corrections effective July 1, 2024.

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Corrections

In FR Doc. 2023–13112, published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 2023 (88 FR 43820), we make the following technical corrections:

1. On page 43871, in table 3.1, in the third column, correct the first sentence to read as follows:

“Stating that a Direct Consolidation loan disbursed on or after July 1, 2025, that repaid a Direct parent PLUS loan, a FFEL parent PLUS loan, or a Direct Consolidation Loan that repaid a consolidation loan that included a Direct parent PLUS or FFEL parent PLUS loan may only chose the ICR plan.”

■ 2. On page 43901, starting in the first column, in instruction 6, in § 685.209, correct paragraphs(c)(5)(i), (c)(5)(i)(B), and (c)(5)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 685.209 [Corrected]

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(c) * * *

(5)(i) Except as provided in (c)(5)(ii) or (c)(5)(iii) of this section, a borrower may enroll under the ICR plan only if the borrower—

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(B) Was repaying a loan under the ICR plan on July 1, 2024. A borrower who was repaying under the ICR plan on or after July 1, 2024, and changes to a different repayment plan in accordance with § 685.210(b) may not re-enroll in the ICR plan unless they meet the

criteria in paragraph (c)(5)(ii) or (c)(5)(iii).

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(iii) A borrower who has a Direct Consolidation Loan disbursed on or after July 1, 2025, which repaid a Direct parent PLUS loan, a FFEL parent PLUS loan, or a Direct Consolidation Loan that repaid a consolidation loan that included a Direct parent PLUS or FFEL parent PLUS loan may not choose any IDR plan except the ICR plan.

■ 3. On page 43902, in the second column, in instruction 6, correct § 685.209 by removing paragraphs (g)(1)(i)(C) and (g)(1)(ii)(C) and adding paragraph (g)(1)(iii) to read as follows:

§ 685.209 [Corrected]

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(g) * * *

(1) * * *

(iii) In cases where the borrower’s monthly payment amount calculated under paragraphs (f)(1) through (3) of this section or the borrower’s adjusted monthly payment as calculated under paragraphs (g)(1)(i) or (g)(1)(ii) of this section is—

(A) Less than \$5, the monthly payment is \$0; or

(B) Equal to or greater than \$5 but less than \$10, the monthly payment is \$10.

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■ 4. On page 43904, in the second column, in instruction 6, in § 685.209, correct paragraph (m)(2) to read as follows:

§ 685.209 [Corrected]

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(m) * * *

(2) The borrower has approved the disclosure of tax information under paragraph (l)(1) of this section;

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Miguel A. Cardona,
Secretary of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 2

RIN 2900–AS09

Update to Delegations of Authority to Certain Officials

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation governing the Secretary’s delegations of

authority to reflect relevant nomenclature changes to the names of positions and groups within the Office of General Counsel.

DATES: This rule is effective May 29, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, chapter I, part 2 governs Delegations of Authority and includes 38 CFR 2.6 “Secretary’s delegations of authority to certain officials (38 U.S.C. 512).”

Paragraph (e) of this regulation governs delegations of authority to certain officials within the Office of General Counsel and is amended to reflect changes to the names of certain Office of General Counsel offices and positions, including Chief Counsels, and law groups, including the Revenue Law Group and the Torts Law Group.

Administrative Procedure Act

This final rule is a rule of agency procedure and practice that does not impose new rights, duties, or obligations on affected individuals but, rather, explains that the Secretary delegates authority to certain employees occupying or acting in positions designated in the regulation and identifies the ways in which those employees are authorized to act on behalf of the Agency. Therefore, it is exempt from the prior notice-and-comment and delayed-effective-date requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553. *See* 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A) and (d)(3). This rule merely updates information regarding the delegation of authority for Office of General Counsel officials, the employees who may serve in those roles, and the names of certain offices and positions in the Office of General Counsel.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, are not applicable to this rule because a notice of proposed rulemaking is not required for this rule. Even so, the Secretary hereby certifies that this final