

2025. The Coast Guard will enforce a 100-foot safety zone around the fireworks barge during the loading, standby, transit, and arrival of the fireworks barge from the loading location to the display location and until the start of the fireworks display. On December 31, 2024, the fireworks barge will be loaded with pyrotechnics at Pier 64, Wharf 4 in San Francisco, CA, from approximately noon until approximately 6 p.m. The fireworks barge will remain on standby at the load location until their transit to the display location. From 10:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. on December 31, 2024, the loaded fireworks barge will transit from Pier 64, Wharf 4 to the launch site near the San Francisco Ferry Building in approximate position 37°47'45" N, 122°23'15" W (NAD 83), where they will remain until the conclusion of the fireworks display. At approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 31, 2024, 15-minutes prior to the fireworks display, the safety zone will expand to encompass all navigable waters, from surface to bottom, within a circle formed by connecting all points 1,000 feet out from the fireworks barge. The fireworks barge will be near the San Francisco Ferry Building in San Francisco, CA, in approximate position 37°47'45" N, 122°23'15" W (NAD 83) as set forth in 33 CFR 165.1191, table 1, item number 24. The safety zone will be enforced until 12:45 a.m. on January 1, 2025, or as announced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

In addition to this notification in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of the safety zone and its enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners.

Under the provisions of 33 CFR 165.1191, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring within the safety zone during all applicable effective dates and times, unless authorized to do so by the Patrol Commander or other Official Patrol, defined as a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency on scene to assist the Coast Guard in enforcing the regulated area. Additionally, each person who receives notice of a lawful order or direction issued by the Patrol Commander or Official Patrol shall obey the order or direction. The Patrol Commander or Official Patrol may, upon request, allow the transit of commercial vessels through the regulated areas when it is safe to do so.

If the Captain of the Port determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notification, a Broadcast Notice to

Mariners may be used to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: December 19, 2024.

**Jordan M. Balduenza,**  
*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port San Francisco.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2024–1069]

#### Safety Zone; Sacramento New Year's Eve Fireworks; Sacramento River, Sacramento, CA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

**ACTION:** Notification of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in the navigable waters of the Sacramento River near the Tower Bridge for the Sacramento New Year's Eve Fireworks Display. The safety zone will be enforced on December 31, 2024. This action is necessary to protect personnel, vessels and the marine environment from the dangers associated with pyrotechnics. During the enforcement period, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering, transiting through, or remaining in the safety zone, unless authorized by the Patrol Commander, other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies.

**DATES:** The regulation in 33 CFR 165.1191 will be enforced for the location described in table 1 to § 165.1191, item number 25, from 8:45 p.m. until 9:20 p.m. on December 31, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notification of enforcement, call or email Lieutenant William Harris, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, Waterways Management Division; telephone (415) 399–7443, or email [SFWaterways@uscg.mil](mailto:SFWaterways@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone regulations in 33 CFR 165.1191 for the event and location listed in table 1 to § 165.1191, item number 25, for the Sacramento New Year's Eve Fireworks Display from 8:45 p.m. until 9:20 p.m. on December 31, 2024. The Coast Guard will enforce a 700-foot safety zone around the shore-based launch location

near the Tower Bridge at approximate position 38°34'58.1" N, 121°30'24.8" W (NAD 83) beginning 15-minutes prior to the 5-minute fireworks display. The safety zone will be enforced until 9:20 p.m. on December 31, 2024, 15-minutes following the conclusion of the fireworks display.

In addition to this notification in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of the safety zone and its enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners.

Under the provision of 33 CFR 165.1191, unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or anchoring within the safety zone during all applicable effective dates and times, unless authorized to do so by the Patrol Commander or other Official Patrol, defined as a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency on scene to assist the Coast Guard in enforcing the regulated area. Additionally, each person who received notice of a lawful order or direction issued by the Patrol Commander or Official Patrol shall obey the order or direction. The Patrol Commander or Official Patrol may, upon request, allow the transit or commercial vessels through the regulated area when it is safe to do so.

If the Captain of the Port determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notification, a Broadcast Notice to Mariners may be used to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Dated: December 19, 2024.

**Jordan M. Balduenza,**  
*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port San Francisco.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### 34 CFR Part 685

[Docket ID ED–2023–OPE–0004]

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:** Correcting amendment.

**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 a technical error in the regulations. This document does not contain any substantive changes to the regulations.

**DATES:** Effective December 31, 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 contained a technical error, which we are correcting. Specifically, with respect to 34 CFR 685.209(k)(6)(i), we indicated in the preamble to the final rule in a response to public comment that we were modifying the regulations to exclude periods in which a borrower is in an in-school deferment from counting toward the borrower's time to forgiveness, and we explained our reasons for doing so, see, e.g., 88 FR 43855, but we inadvertently omitted that change in the regulatory text. This notice corrects that inadvertent omission.

**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)). 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 change in this document is necessary to properly and accurately reflect the

outcome of the rulemaking process, by correcting a technical error: regulatory text that was proposed and explained but inadvertently was omitted from the final regulatory text. It reflects the substantive rule stated in the preamble, which was the product of the notice and comment process and does not establish any new substantive rule. Therefore, the Department has determined that publication of a proposed rule is unnecessary under 5 U.S.C. 553(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 and has already been conducted.

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 change corrects an error, there is good cause to waive the delayed effective date in the APA and make the correction effective as of the date of publication.

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**List of Subjects in 34 CFR Part 685**

Administrative practice and procedure; Colleges and universities; Education; Loan programs—education; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements; Student aid; Vocational education.

**Nasser Paydar,**

*Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.*

Accordingly, the Secretary corrects 34 CFR part 685 by making the following correcting amendment:

**PART 685—WILLIAM D. FORD FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 685 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 20 U.S.C. 1070g, 1087a, *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Section 685.209 is amended by revising paragraph (k)(6)(i) to read as follows:

**685.209 Income-driven repayment plans.**

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(k) \* \* \*

(6) \* \* \*

(i) A borrower may obtain credit toward forgiveness as defined in paragraph (k) of this section for any months in which a borrower was in a deferment or forbearance not listed in paragraph (k)(4)(iv) of this section, other than periods in an in-school deferment, by making an additional payment equal to or greater than their current IDR payment, including a payment of \$0, for a deferment or forbearance that ended within 3 years of the additional repayment date and occurred after July 1, 2024.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**38 CFR Part 38**

**RIN 2900-AS13**

**Veterans Legacy Grants Program Improvements**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) amends its Veterans Legacy Grants Program (VLGP) regulations to