



In an effort eliminate the negative effects of default for borrowers who defaulted on their federal student loans *prior* to the pandemic payment pause, the U.S. Department of Education enacted the Fresh Start initiative. This program will enable borrowers with defaulted federal student loans to regain Title IV federal student aid eligibility. The Fresh Start initiative will remain available to previously defaulted borrowers for one year after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic student loan payment pause. Borrowers will have at least one year to make payment arrangements before defaulting on their debts and/or being subject to further collections efforts.

This initiative applies only for borrowers who are currently ineligible based solely on a prior Title IV loan default, and who qualify to have their eligibility restored through the Fresh Start initiative. Students who are ineligible for any other reason (failing to meet satisfactory academic progress, owing an overpayment on a Title IV grant, or being in default on a Perkins Loan that is held by a school) are not eligible to receive Title IV aid unless the eligibility issue is resolved.

For additional information, please refer to the [Federal Student Aid Fresh Start FAQ's](#).

To verify your eligibility and to determine the default date of your loan(s), our office will review your loan detail information from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). **Please complete the section below and return it to our office.**

Section A: Student Information

Last Name

First Name

Student ID

Section B: Acknowledgment Certification

I, _____ [printed full legal name], understand that I am eligible for Title IV aid as a result of the Fresh Start initiative. As a Fresh Start-eligible borrower, I understand that, by accepting Title IV HEA federal student aid during the Fresh Start period, I am agreeing to have my defaulted loans transferred to a new loan servicer – the company that will manage my loan - which will result in continued Title IV, HEA federal student aid eligibility beyond the Fresh Start period. I understand that this transfer may not occur immediately and that I can contact the holder(s) of my defaulted loan(s) to request transfer sooner.

Student signature

Date