

Where Can I Find the Answer?



Regulatory Reference Guide



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<p>Common Manual</p> <p>www.commonmanual.org www.ogslp.org or www.nchelp.org</p>	<p>Unified student loan policy manual produced, published and maintained by guarantors through the <i>Common Manual</i> Governing Board. The manual is an introduction and overview of participation in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) designed to help train new financial aid and student loan personnel and to assist in finding answers about federal regulations and guarantor policy.</p>	<p><i>e-Collection</i> CD Rom version contains HEA, current <i>FSA Handbook</i>, Common Forms, DCLs, NCHelp Topical Index and Integrated Regulations. Look up the topic in NCHelp Topical Index for regulation citation. Then you can search electronically for keyword by using the "Find" option. The "Find" option also works in the <i>FSA Handbook</i>.</p> <p>To subscribe, send an e-mail to majordomo@michael.usagroup.com. Leave the subject line blank and type "subscribe public" in the body of the message.</p>
<p>Dear Partner/ Colleague Letters (DCL) and Electronic Announcements</p> <p>www.nchelp.org or www.ifap.ed.gov</p>	<p>Department of Education communications that explain and clarify the Department's guidance regarding federal regulations and statutes.</p>	<p>Use search tips for NCHelp or IFAP.</p>
<p>Federal Register</p> <p>www.nchelp.org or www.ifap.ed.gov</p>	<p>A federal government publication published each weekday (except federal holidays) that lists regulations, regulatory amendments, notices and proposed regulatory changes for all federal executive agencies.</p>	<p>Use search tips for NCHelp or IFAP.</p>
<p>Federal Student Aid (FSA) Handbook</p> <p>www.ifap.ed.gov Common Manual e-Collection CD ROM</p>	<p>A multi-volume annual publication produced by the Department of Education. Provides detailed information about administration of the Title IV federal student aid programs and institutional eligibility to participate in these programs.</p>	<p>The <i>FSA Handbook</i> for the latest three award years can be accessed from here. For an earlier <i>FSA Handbook</i>, please see the "Archived Publications" (1995-2001) listing.</p>
<p>FinAid</p> <p>www.finaid.org</p>	<p>FinAid was established in the fall of 1994 as a public service. The site has grown into a comprehensive online collection of information regarding student financial aid. Access to FinAid is free for all users and there is no charge to link to the site.</p> <p>To subscribe to the listserv, FINAID-L, send an e-mail to finaid-l-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu.</p>	<p>This site has information about loans, scholarships, military aid and other types of financial aid. An "Answering Your Questions" section, calculators and financial aid applications are also featured. FINAID-L is a handy and useful listserv.</p>
<p>Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP)</p> <p>www.ifap.ed.gov</p>	<p>The Department of Education's Web site for Federal Student Aid (FSA). Includes access to DCLs, Common Originations and Disbursement (COD), Pell Grant, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Renewal FAFSAs, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).</p>	<p>From the IFAP main page, a search can be conducted by entering a phrase in the space provided in the IFAP Publications Search Tool area and pressing the search button.</p> <p>Click the Advanced Search link on the home page for more options to narrow the results. Enter the search phrase in the space provided and select from the various options available on the page. After entering the options, press the search button to return the results.</p>

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<p>Library of Congress Legislative Information – THOMAS</p> <p>http://thomas.loc.gov</p>	<p>The leadership of the 104th Congress directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public.</p>	<p>The THOMAS home page contains a search box that searches bill text (the full text of legislation) for the current Congress. Users can search by keyword or bill number (e.g. S. 1932). If you know the number of the bill you are searching for, type it in the box, select “bill number” and click on the search button. You will be linked directly to the text of the bill, or if there is more than one version of the bill, to a list of those versions.</p>
<p>National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)</p> <p>www.nasfaa.org</p>	<p>National organization of financial aid professionals that provides information about regulatory and statutory changes, and sub regulatory guidance, along with comprehensive analysis of industry trends.</p>	<p>The NASFAA power search feature allows users to customize Web searches based on keywords, categories, and/or date published. Keyword and category search results will display in order based on the frequency of the keyword or phrase within the document.</p> <p>NASFAA is financed by institutional membership dues. “Ask Regs” is one of the benefits of membership. As a complimentary service, NASFAA will answer one regulatory or compliance question for a non-member. Membership is required for additional assistance.</p>
<p>National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)</p> <p>http://nces.ed.gov</p>	<p>A unit within ED responsible for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. Examples of NCES publications include Education Statistics Quarterly, The Condition of Education, and the Digest of Education Statistics.</p>	<p>NCES offers multiple link buttons and quick links to popular sites logically arranged on the homepage. At the bottom of every page is the NCES footer, which includes links to highly accessed areas of the NCES site, including the NCES Homepage, Publications, Surveys and Programs, Quick Tables and Figures, Data Tools, and a link to the NCES Site Index, which provides one-click access to all NCES areas. The footer also includes links to the most recent highlights found on the NCES homepage.</p>
<p>National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHHELP)</p> <p>www.nchelp.org</p>	<p>A nationwide network of guaranty agencies, secondary markets, lenders, loan servicers, collectors, schools and other organizations involved in administering the FFELP. NCHHELP represents its members on public policy and regulatory issues with the legislative and executive branches of government.</p>	<p>NCHHELP’s e-Library contains budget reconciliation and HEA Reauthorization updates/information, federal laws (HEA), Dear Partner letters, electronic standards document and tools, higher education research, legal proceedings, Federal Regulations and Federal Registers, <i>Common Manual</i>, and Integrations. Regulations are sorted by topic and the most recent forms will also be found here. There are presentations, training modules and <i>Daily Briefings</i> from 1999 to present.</p>

Organizations such as the Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA), the Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA) and OGSLP are also valuable resources for financial aid information.

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<p>Oklahoma Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA)</p> <p>www.finaidapps.ou.edu/oasfaa/index.html</p>	<p>OASFAA promotes the professional preparation, appointment, effectiveness, recognition and association of student financial aid administrators and counselors in institutions of higher learning.</p>	<p>OASFAA-L, the OASFAA listserv, allows members to communicate with one another with greater ease and speed than conventional methods. You may subscribe via the Internet by visiting: http://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/oasfaa. You may also contact OGSLP's School/Lender Support Services department and they will gladly add you to the listserv.</p>
<p>Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program (OGSLP)</p> <p>www.ogslp.org</p>	<p>OGSLP is a guarantor for the FFELP. We guarantee (insure) lenders against default, bankruptcy, disability or death of student loan borrowers. OGSLP serves as the primary guarantor for Oklahoma students and post-secondary institutions.</p>	<p>OGSLP offers the latest updates on regulations, Common Manual and helpful links you need to research on IFAP, FSA Portal, NASFAA, NCHHELP, NSLDS, OASFAA, SWAFSAA and others. You may subscribe to OGSLP's <i>Online News</i> via the Internet by visiting: http://www.mailermailer.com/x?oid=17575t. You may also contact OGSLP's School/Lender Support Services department and they will gladly add you to the listserv.</p>
<p>Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SWASFAA)</p> <p>www.swasfaa.org</p>	<p>SWASFAA is the regional financial aid association for Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.</p> <p>SWASFAA promotes the professional preparation, effectiveness, recognition and association of student financial aid administrators, postsecondary institutions, government agencies, foundations, private business and others concerned with the support and administration of student financial aid.</p>	<p>The SWASFAA listserv is available for use by SWASFAA members. Visit Membership Services on the SWASFAA Web site and click on the "Listlock Listserv" link. (You will need your username and password.) Click on "Subscription Management" and then "SWASFAA-L." Follow the instructions given to subscribe.</p>
<p>U.S. Department of Education (ED)</p> <p>www.ed.gov</p>	<p>Executive branch of the federal government that establishes policy for, administers and coordinates most federal assistance to education.</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Education's main Web site has a quick click topic search as well as an information center. Use the A-Z Index to find a topic or issue on the ED Web site. Search other ED sites for online information from more than 150 organizations supported by ED.</p>



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