



Federal Loan Repayment Workshop

Office of Financial Aid
University of Denver

NSLDS AND YOUR SERVICER

- ▶ National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) –
www.nslds.ed.gov
 - ▶ Find out:
 - ▶ Your loan servicer(s)
 - ▶ Loan amounts and types
 - ▶ Interest rates and amount accrued
 - ▶ Current loan status
 - ▶ Grace period
- ▶ 6 month grace period
 - ▶ Graduating in June → grace period over in December
→ first bill due in January

LOAN SERVICERS

- Go to NSLDS.ed.gov to see who your loan servicer is
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- Nelnet
 - Great Lakes
 - Navient
 - FedLoan
 - MOHELA
 - EdFinancial
 - Cornerstone
 - Granite State
 - OSLA Servicing



OTHER LOANS

- Perkins Loans
 - 9 month grace period
 - Typically 5-10 year repayments
 - Repayments to the Bursar's Office at 303-871-4944 or duperkins@du.edu or your previous institution
- Private Loans
 - Sallie Mae, Wells Fargo, Discover, etc.
 - Payments made directly to the lender
 - Typically 10-15 years repayments
 - Contact lender for repayment details

REPAYMENT PLANS:

STANDARD, GRADUATED, & EXTENDED

Repayment Plan	Payment and Time Frame	Other Information
Standard Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed Payments 10 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay less over time
Graduated Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payment Increases every 2 years 10 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay more over time than standard repayment
Extended Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed or Graduated Payments 25 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of \$30,000 debt Lower monthly payment, pay more interest over time



REPAYMENT PLANS:

INCOME DRIVEN

Repayment Plan	Payment and Time Frame	Other Information
Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% Discretionary Income • 20 (undergrad) or 25 Years (grad) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrowers before 10/1/07 • Both spouse's income & debt • Forgiveness 20-25 yrs, PSLF 10 yrs • Not taxed if PSLF
Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% Discretionary Income • 20 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New borrower after 10/1/07 • If MFS, only your income & debt • Forgiveness 20 yrs, PSLF 10 yrs • Not taxed if PSLF
Income Based Repayment (IBR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-15% Discretionary Income • 20-25 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If MFS, only your income & debt • Forgiveness 20-25 yrs, PSLF 10 yrs • Not taxed if PSLF
Income Contingent Repayment (ICR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20% Discretionary Income • 25 Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Loan Borrowers only • If MFS, only your income & debt • Elect to repay jointly with spouse • Forgiveness 25 yrs, PSLF 10 yrs • Not taxed if PSLF

MFS = Married Filing Separately

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repayloans/understand/plans>

INCOME DRIVEN REPAYMENT PLANS

- If your student loan debt is higher than your discretionary income, you may benefit from one of these plans.
- Forgiveness options available with each plan.
- Must complete annual re-certification every year – on time! If not, you will default to the Standard 10 year repayment and interest will capitalize.
- Visit www.studentaid.gov for electronic application
- It is important to file your taxes for your application!

LOAN SIMULATOR

- Unsure of which repayment plan is best for you, or how much you would pay under each? Try the Department of Education's loan simulator at this link!
- You can sign in with your FSA ID and password and link your actual loans into the calculator.

<https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator/>

LOAN CONSOLIDATION

- 3 main types of loan consolidation
 - Consolidating FFEL federal loans into Direct Federal Loans
 - Borrowers before 10/01/07 may have FFEL loans. In order to qualify for PSLF these loans must be consolidated into Direct loans
 - Consolidating all Direct Federal Loans
 - Takes all of your Direct loans and consolidates them into one large loan with a weighted average interest rate
 - Consolidating Federal Loans into Private Loans
 - Using an outside private education loan lender (SoFi etc.)
 - Be sure to understand all terms and conditions of consolidation agreement as you will or may lose benefits that federal loans offer (PSLF, other forms of forgiveness, death/disability protection etc.)



PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS

- Forgiveness of remaining balance after 120 payments (principle, interest, and tax free)
- Only for non-defaulted loans made under the Direct Loan Program (not Perkins, FFEL or private)
- Only payments made after October 1, 2007 may be counted toward 120 payments
- All PSLF plans are through FedLoan
- Employment Certification Form →
 - Complete annually and when you change employers



TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS

- Full-time teacher in STEM or Special Education can see up to \$17,500 forgiven
- Full-time teacher in other fields can receive to \$5,000 forgiven
- Direct Unsub and Sub along with FFEL Unsub and Sub are eligible (no PLUS loans)
- Requires 5 consecutive academic years of teaching
- Application:

<https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher#apply>

FORBEARANCE

- Forbearance allows students to stop making loan payments for up to 12 months (interest will still accrue)
- Forbearance can be granted for financial hardship or illness
- Students will need to work with their servicer to request forbearance
- Forbearance does not qualify for PSLF
- It may be beneficial to explore an income driven plan rather than forbearance if your financial circumstances change – you could have as low as a \$0/month payment that still counts toward years of forgiveness!

COVID-19 AND STUDENT LOANS

- From March 13th, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2020 the interest rate is 0% on federal student loans
- You can still make payments during this time (but you do not have to)
 - All payments will go towards interest first, then principal
- This period still counts as part of your 6-month grace period

Information updated frequently: studentaid.gov/coronavirus



QUESTIONS?

- Reach out to us (even after graduation!) at:

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