



# Student Loan Repayment Workshop

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Office of Financial Aid

# ACCESS YOUR LOAN INFO

- ▶ You can access valuable information about your federal student loans at [www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov)
  - ▶ Find out:
    - ▶ Your loan servicer(s)
    - ▶ Loan amounts and types
    - ▶ Interest rates and amount of interest accrued
    - ▶ Current loan status
    - ▶ Grace period
- ▶ 6 month grace period
  - ▶ Graduating in June → grace period ends in December → first loan payment due in January

# LOAN SERVICERS

- Go to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to see who your loan servicer is
  - 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](mailto: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 <b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed Payments</li> <li>10 Years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pay less over time</li> </ul>
Graduated Repayment <b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payment Increases every 2 years</li> <li>10 Years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pay more over time than standard repayment</li> </ul>
Extended Repayment <b>3</b> <b>4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed or Graduated Payments</li> <li>25 Years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of \$30,000 debt</li> <li>Lower monthly payment, pay more interest over time</li> </ul>



# REPAYMENT PLANS: INCOME DRIVEN

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

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](http://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 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 (PLUS loans are not eligible)
- 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2021 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](https://studentaid.gov/coronavirus)

# QUESTIONS?

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

[FinAid@du.edu](mailto:FinAid@du.edu)

303-871-4020

