Technical Update GA-2014-02

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Upcoming Modifications to NSLDS

This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). Please ensure the appropriate person receives this update.

Introduction

The purpose of this Technical Update is to inform guaranty agencies (GAs) of the following upcoming modifications to NSLDS:

- New Enrollment Status Code
- Enrollment Reporting Notification File Enhancements
- GA Reporting of School Codes for Schools with Over 99 Locations
- GA Financial Aid Transcript (FAT) Batch Request File Layouts Enhancement

These changes will be implemented on **April 14, 2014**.

New Enrollment Status Code

A new enrollment status code will be added to Enrollment Reporting to collect ¾ (three-quarter) time status from schools. NSLDS will use the letter 'Q' to represent ¾ time. Below are the Enrollment Status Codes, to include the new 'Q' code:

F – Full-Time	G – Graduated
Q – Three-Quarter Time	W – Withdrawn
H – Half-Time	D – Deceased
L – Less Than Half-Time	X – Never Attended
A – Leave of Absence	Z – Record Not Found

The new 'Q' status code will be included in data exchange files, reports, and displayed on the NSLDS Professional Access Web site.

Enrollment Reporting Notification File Enhancements
The Enrollment Reporting Notification file will be updated to include the new enrollment status code of 'Q' (three-quarter) time collected from schools.

Additionally, the School Code will be updated to an 8-digit OPEID field instead of a combination of the 6-digit school code with the 2-digit school branch code. This change will allow NSLDS to accept school locations for schools which have more than 99 locations and subsequently report those certified/attended OPEIDs on outbound files to data providers, schools, and trading partners.

Note: The OPEID is the combination of the 6 digit school code and the 2 digit school location code. If a school has more than 99 locations, the first digit of the OPEID is then incremented to 1. If the school has more than 199 locations, the first digit is then incremented to 2, and so forth. For example, location 00 = 06789900, location 101 = 16789901, location 202 = 26789902.

The updated file layout is now available in the [NSLDS Record Layouts section of the IFAP Web site](#).

For detailed instructions on how to sign up to receive the weekly Enrollment Reporting Notification file from NSLDS, refer to [Technical Update GA-2012-04, "Enhancements to NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Including GA Enrollment Notification File Setup," dated July 6, 2012](#).

GA Reporting of School Codes for Schools with Over 99 Locations
Beginning April 14, 2014, GAs can report OPEIDs for schools with over 99 locations. If a GA has been converting the OPEID for schools with over 99 locations to the main campus code or a campus/location under 99 prior to submitting to NSLDS, that conversion will no longer be necessary to successfully report to NSLDS.

For records already reported to NSLDS using this conversion, agencies should resubmit the loan record with the 8-digit OPEID for the actual location using the old/new identifier reporting process for New Code for Original School code (field code 047) and Code for Current School (field code 102) found in the GA Data Provider Instructions (DPI).

GA Financial Aid Transcript (FAT) Batch Request File Layouts Enhancement
The Subsidized Usage Limit Applies (SULA) Flag has been added to the GA FAT Batch record layouts to indicate whether the borrower is subject to the 150% Direct Subsidized Loan Limit provision. The SULA Flag field will have the following values:

- Y = The borrower is subject to the 150% Direct Subsidized Loan Limit provision.
- N = The borrower is not subject to the 150% Direct Subsidized Loan Limit provision.

Additionally, the School Branch Code fields have been converted to Filler and will continue to contain blanks/spaces.

The updated GA FAT Batch record layouts are in Attachment A.

Attachment A: GA FAT Batch Record Layout

If you have any questions, please contact the NSLDS Customer Support Center at 800/999-8219 or by e-mail at NSLDS@ed.gov.