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Dear Student Loan Participant:

On November, 17, 2011, the *Common Manual* Governing Board approved three proposals from Batch 181 to modify the *Common Manual*. The changes will be incorporated into the *Common Manual* with the publication of the next annual update. Enclosed are the following updates:

- **Preferred Lender Arrangements**
- **Parent PLUS Loan and the FAFSA**
- **Military Service and Post-Active Duty Student Deferment Form**

For further information you may contact me at (850) 410-6846 or e-mail at [Reitha.scott@fldoe.org](mailto:Reitha.scott@fldoe.org).

Sincerely,

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# COMMON MANUAL UPDATES

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## Preferred Lender Arrangements

The *Common Manual* has been revised to remove references to the PLUS auction pilot program from the description of a preferred lender arrangement. Since the PLUS loan auction did not occur and no loans were originated through this program, there are no related arrangements or agreements that are applicable to these sections.

Affected Sections: 4.4.A Preferred Lender Arrangements  
Appendix G

Effective Date: Upon approval by the *Common Manual* Governing Board.

Basis: Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA), P.L. 111-152; Department of Education electronic Announcement dated April 10, 2009.

Policy Information: 1255/Batch 181

Guarantor Comments: None.

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## Parent PLUS Loan and the FAFSA

The *Common Manual* has been updated based on a Final Rule change to include the requirement that the student complete a FAFSA even if the family intends to apply for only a parent PLUS loan.

Affected Sections:           5.5.B Student Eligibility Requirements  
                                  5.1.C Graduate or Professional Student and Parent  
  PLUS Loan Borrower Eligibility Requirements

Effective Date:               Parent PLUS loans obtained for the 2011-2012 award year.

Basis:                         §668.164(g)(2)(i).

Policy Information:         1256/Batch 181

Guarantor comments:       None.

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## **Military Service and Post-Active Duty Student Deferment Form**

The *Common Manual* has been revised to refer to the common deferment form that lenders should make available to borrowers who request the military service deferment or the post-active duty student deferment.

Affected Sections:            2.3.C            Common Forms  
   11.8.B            Deferment Documentation – Military  
                              Service  
   11.12.B          Deferment Documentation – Post-Active  
                              Duty Student

Effective Date:                Requests for military service deferment or post-active duty  
   student deferment forms received on or after October 1, 2007.

Basis:                            §682.210(t)(7); §682.210(u)(5).

Policy Information:            1257/Batch 181

Guarantor Comments:        None.