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DRAFT FY 2012 CDRs

On Monday, February 23, 2015, the Department distributed the FY 2012 Draft Cohort Default Rate (CDR) notification packages to all eligible domestic and foreign schools, guaranty agencies and lenders. This information was sent to the SAIG mailbox for the destination point administrator designated by the school.

To ensure that your FY12 rate is correct, please remember that the time period for challenging a school's FY 2012 3-Year Draft Cohort Default Rate under 34 C.F.R Part 668, Subpart N began on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, for all schools.

Any questions or concerns about your draft FY12 CDRs can be directed to fsa.schools.default.management@ed.gov or by calling the Operations Performance Division Hotline at 202-377-4259.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



2015 Federal Student Aid Training (FSA) Conference for Financial Aid Professionals



The 2015 FSA Training Conference will be held from December 1 – December 4, 2015, at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. The conference will tentatively start on Tuesday at approximately 8:00 A.M. and end on Friday at 12:00 P.M.

The FSA Training Conference offers premier

hands-on, face-to-face training for financial aid professionals throughout the financial aid community.

Conference and lodging registration will open this summer. Additional information regarding the 2015 FSA Training Conference will be posted at <http://fsaconferences.ed.gov> when it becomes available.

Federal Student Aid Handbook

The 2015-2016 FSA HDBK AVG section has been posted to IFAP.ed.gov. Stay tuned to IFAP as additional volumes and sections will be posted over the next several weeks and months.

In addition, a new appendix F has been added to the 2014-2015 FSA HDBK Appendix section. Appendix F covers *Institutional Reporting and Disclosure Requirements for Federal Student Assistance Programs*. This is a great resource when reviewing your school's reporting requirements and consumer information responsibilities. This appendix contains a chart that outlines the required information, methods of delivery, due dates and applicable citations.



OF INTEREST

Mapping Your Future to Offer MappingXpress Free to Schools in Sponsored States

By [Catherine Mueller](#)

The demand for documentation has increased in recent years, along with the need to prevent identity theft and financial aid fraud. In the meantime, colleges and universities have found themselves trying to get more done with less.

To help schools manage the increased need for documentation on a tight budget, *Mapping Your Future* will now offer its **MappingXpress** service free in sponsored states.

MappingXpress is a secure document transfer service that allows students to quickly and easily upload documents for retrieval by school professionals. Schools and other organizations using **MappingXpress** have reported the service has saved them time and money as they securely collect documents needed for financial aid verification, scholarship forms, loan applications and other academic processes.

With **MappingXpress**, students are able to upload the documents electronically and provide an electronic signature. School financial aid office or business professionals can retrieve the documents securely from their Access Area on *Mapping Your Future*. The free service will be

available to any postsecondary school in a sponsored state. Schools will have some limited customization options and can transfer up to 4,000 documents annually. *Mapping Your Future* will be reaching out to schools to let them know about the service. We will share articles about **MappingXpress** that can be edited and included in your publications.

For more information about **MappingXpress**, a fact sheet is available online or contact Beth Ziehmer (feedback@mappingyourfuture.org or 573-796-3730) or Cathy Mueller (cathy@mappingyourfuture.org or 940-497-0741). We are planning webinar demonstrations of **MappingXpress** later in March and can also schedule one-on-one demos as requested. More information about the webinars will be released soon.





State Scholarship and Grant Programs CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Term 2 quarter refunds of Bright Futures dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term.
- Term 3 Disbursement Eligibility Reports are due 30 days after the last day of drop/add.
- Florida Student Assistance Grant uncommitted funds are due to the Office of Student Financial Assistance for reallocation.
- Florida Student Assistance Grant reallocation of uncommitted funds are due to participating postsecondary institutions reporting Otherwise Eligible (OE).

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The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has the ability to offer its partners and customers something few public agencies can, the ability to shape OSFA programs and services based on their specific needs and concerns. OSFA provides financial aid workshops, publications, prompt services for participants, and helps fund scholarship and grant programs. If a participant has a problem or suggestion, the OSFA management team listens and makes every effort to implement a solution that meets their needs. Public dollars deserve the kind of accountability OSFA provides in financing education.

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your institution's needs.**