

NEWS TO KNOW

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Perkins Loan Program Extension

On December 18, President Obama signed the Perkins Loan Program Extension Act of 2015. In addition to extending the program for another two years, the extension includes other changes:

- ⇒ Eliminates Perkins loan eligibility for new graduate students in the 2016-17 academic year
- ⇒ Requires schools to award both subsidized and unsubsidized Direct loans prior to awarding Perkins loans to new undergraduate borrowers
- ⇒ Ends all Perkins loan authority effective September 30, 2017

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



[ExitExpress Template Updated With New NSLDS Template](#)

The Mapping Your Future ExitExpress process was recently updated with the U.S. Department of Education's revised NSLDS exit counseling submittal template, published on October 23 in [Newsletter 50](#).

The ExitExpress process also allows you to create a file to upload Direct Loan and Direct PLUS exit counseling records to NSLDS. Refer to the Online Counseling User's Guide in the Member resources section of your secure Access Area for the revised instructions on creating the NSLDS file.

Contact the Mapping Your Future staff with any questions or training needs at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org or (800) 374-4072.

[Verification and Unusual Enrollment History Webinar](#)

This webinar will provide schools with an update on the requirements for verifying information provided by applicants for Title IV federal student aid. The webinar will also include a review of how schools are expected to resolve Unusual Enrollment History (UEH) issues as flagged on students' ISIRs. To register for this webinar, click [here](#).

[Upcoming Training Opportunities](#)

SASFAA Annual Conference	Greensboro, NC	February 7 - 10, 2016
FASFAA Annual Conference	Bonita Springs, FL	May 24 - 27, 2016
NASFAA Annual Conference	Washington, DC	July 10 - 13, 2016

To learn more about these training opportunities, click [here](#).



CALENDAR EVENTS

- ⇒ Term 1 semester and quarter refunds of BF dropped/withdrawn course funds are due within 30 days of the institution's last day of each term
- ⇒ Term 2 DER's are due 30 days after the last day of drop and add
- ⇒ OSFA begins collection of FAFSA/ISIR information from the United States Department of Education

For additional calendar events, visit the [State Programs Business Calendar](#).

Postsecondary Institution Resources

For additional guidance on administering Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs, please visit OSFA's Postsecondary Institution Resources [webpage](#).

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THE OSFA PHILOSOPHY



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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Website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

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your institution's
needs.*