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Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

Summer 2026 Student Loan Updates

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Agenda

- Requirements & responsibilities of LRAP participation
- LRAP award amounts by funding source
- LRAP enrollment procedures
- Summary of Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
  - Eligible employment, eligible payments, PSLF Form, Qualifying Payments
- A framework for deciding which repayment plan to choose
- Q&A

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Requirements of LRAP participation

- A lawyer
- Employed by an organization approved by DCBF
- Current salary $100,000 or less
- IF you live outside the District, household income $200,000 or less
- Full or part-time (at least 17 hours per week)
- Satisfactory repayment status
- Exhaust other LRAPs

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Responsibilities of LRAP participation

Service commitment is one full year

- If you do not complete one full year of employment, you will be asked to repay the funds sent to your loans

You **must** notify the LRAP administrator (lrapsupport@fosterus.org) when:

- You leave your current employment
- You change from full to part-time status
- You receive another LRAP award
- Your salary exceeds $100,000 (or your household income exceeds $200,000 if you live outside the District)

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LRAP award amounts by source of funding (residency)

PUBLIC

- Residents of District of Columbia
- **$550** per month towards federal loans
- Up to an additional $592 towards private loans if (and only if) you have private loans
- Reduced by amount of other LRAP received

Private

- Non-residents of District of Columbia
- **$408** per month towards federal loans
- Up to an additional $592 towards private loans if (and only if) you have private loans
- Reduced by amount of other LRAP received

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LRAP enrollment procedures

- After your employer reports that you may be eligible, we trigger an email invitation from info@fosterus.docsign.click.
- Click to Verify your email, then you will receive an autogenerated password to fosterus.docsign.click. [check spam folder]
- Enrollment in the LRAP is a two-part process:
  1) read and sign the program Promissory Note via fosterus.docsign.click, and
  2) supply student loan documentation via separate secure web form.

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Accessing student loan documentation

1. Log in to your federal loan servicer's site (for example: MOHELA.studentaid.gov).
2. Choose the 'More…' drop-down menu and select 'Tools & Requests'.
3. Click Printable Account Information (also known as Mortgage Verification).
4. Click Print and Save as PDF.
5. Enter your 10-digit Account Number and upload the PDF file to Fosterus.

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LRAP award disbursement

- We send monthly LRAP disbursements directly to your loan servicer(s).
- Transactions are initiated on or around the 20th each month, are in transit for about a week, and then are processed by the servicers for about another week.
- Generally, you can see credits on your loan servicer's site by around the 7th of the month following disbursement.

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State of Student Loans – July 2026

- PSLF survived OB3
- June 30, 2026: Effort to selectively disqualify PSLF employers stopped (new PSLF regulation vacated, but government may appeal)
- July 1, 2026: Major changes to federal student loan repayment
- Significant servicing capacity and oversight concerns

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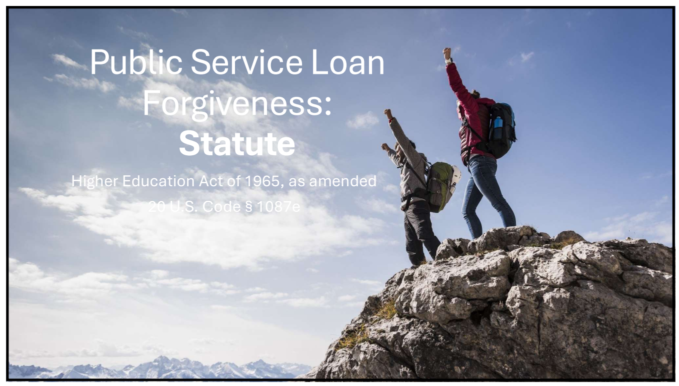

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness is earned by RECORDING 120 "qualifying" payments

Eligible full-time employment
- 30 hours or more per week
- Paid work for government or a 501(c)(3)

AND

Eligible payment (or equivalent)
- Under an Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plan
- Not during most forbearances or default
- But see PSLF 'buyback'

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Public Service Loan Forgiveness: **Regulations**

34 CFR § 685.219 - Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)

Effective July 1, 2023

New Final Rule published October 31, 2025~~, to be Effective July 1, 2026~~

VACATED June 30, 2026

Might be appealed…

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IV. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Final Rule is contrary to law and promulgated in excess of statutory authority, is arbitrary and capricious, and violates the First Amendment. I therefore hold it unlawful and set it aside. The Final Rule is VACATED.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Myong J. Joun
United States District Judge

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July 1, 2026:
Major changes to federal student loan repayment

- SAVE terminated; borrower transition to IBR/RAP
- Existing IDR options substantially reduced and restructured for post–July 1 borrowers
- RAP established as primary income-driven repayment plan for new borrowers

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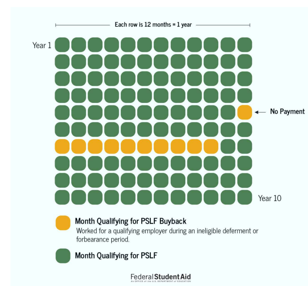
PSLF buyback is only available if the borrower already has 120 months of qualifying employment and buying back months in forbearance or deferment would result in forgiveness.



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Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Buyback Applications	
PSLF Buyback applications received during April 1-30, 2026	4,790
PSLF Buyback applications decided (approved or denied) during April 1-30, 2026	6,870
- Approved	TBA[(2)]
- Denied	TBA[(2)]
- Closed without decision due to missing information	TBA[(2)]
PSLF Buyback applications pending as of April 30, 2026	88,000[(3)]
PSLF discharges during April 1-30, 2026	11,500

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OB3 Repayment Plans/New Borrowers

Borrowers with new loans made on or after July 1, 2026 can be repaid using only two plans:

1. a new tiered standard repayment plan and
2. the new income-based repayment: Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)

CAUTION: Tiered Standard does NOT count towards PSLF!

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Income-Based Repayment (IBR) for those with NO loans after July 1, 2026

- For those who borrowed **before July 1, 2014**:
  - 15% of discretionary income, with a 25-year maximum repayment period.
- For those who first borrowed on or **after July 1, 2014**, or had no outstanding balance at the time they received a new loan on or after that date:
  - 10% of discretionary income, with a 20-year maximum repayment period.
- IBR payments are capped at Standard 10-year amount
- If married filing separately, spouse's income not included.
- If married filing jointly, spouse's income included, payment prorated if spouse has student loans.

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OB3 Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)

- $10 minimum payment.
- Monthly payment is 1-10% of income based on AGI.
- $50 off monthly payment (base payment) per dependent.
- If married filing separately, spouse's AGI and number of dependents are not included in the payment calculation.
- 30-year repayment period.
- PSLF eligible.
- Eliminates negative amortization.
- No cap on monthly payment, even if it's higher than the standard repayment plan would be.

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RAP Plan Monthly Payments Based on Adjusted Gross Income

Adjusted Gross Income range	% of income used to calculate monthly bill	Monthly bill range **before** subtracting $50 per dependent (*with $10 minimum payment after deductions*)
Less than $10,000	NA	$10
$10,000–$20,000	1%	$10–$16
$20,000–$30,000	2%	$33–$50
$30,000–$40,000	3%	$75–$100
$40,000–$50,000	4%	$133–$166
$50,000–$60,000	5%	$208–$250
$60,000–$70,000	6%	$300–$350
$70,000–$80,000	7%	$408–$466
$80,000–$90,000	8%	$533–$600
$90,000–$100,000	9%	$675–$750
Greater than $100,000	10%	$833+

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	AGI **$49,999**			AGI **$75,000**			AGI **$99,999**			AGI **$200,000**		
***Family size**	New IBR (10%)	Old IBR (15%)	RAP (4% AGI)	New IBR (10%)	Old IBR (15%)	RAP (7% AGI)	New IBR (10%)	Old IBR (15%)	RAP (9% AGI)	New IBR (10%)	Old IBR (15%)	RAP (10% AGI)
1	$221	$332	$167	$429	$644	$438	$638	$957	$750	$1,471	$2,207	$1,667
2	$152	$228	$117	$361	$541	$388	$569	$853	$700	$1,402	$2,103	$1,617
3	$84	$125	$67	$292	$438	$338	$500	$750	$650	$1,334	$2,000	$1,567
4	$15	$22	$17	$223	$335	$288	$431	$647	$600	$1,265	$1,897	$1,517
5	$0	$0	$10	$154	$232	$238	$363	$544	$550	$1,196	$1,794	$1,467
6	$0	$0	$10	$86	$128	$188	$294	$441	$500	$1,127	$1,691	$1,417

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Significant servicing capacity and oversight concerns

- Reduced servicer oversight capacity due to 47% RIF at ED
- Simultaneous implementation of several major changes:
  - RAP, SAVE transition, and collections
- Expect continued high incidences of servicing errors and processing backlogs

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Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Applications	
IDR applications received during April 1-30, 2026	444,692
IDR applications decided (approved or denied) during April 1-30, 2026	456,594
- Approved	401,561
- Denied	55,033
IDR applications pending as of April 30, 2026	530,295
IDR plan discharges during April 1-30, 2026	0[1]
- Discharges under the Income-Based Repayment Plan	0
- Discharges under the Original Income Contingent Repayment Plan	0
- Discharges under the Pay As You Earn Plan	0

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https://protectborrowers.org/resource/protect-borrowers-congressional-casework-tool/

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Concrete steps you can take

Preserve records
File PSLF forms
Evaluate repayment plans
Save for retirement

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Preserve Student Loan Records and Documentation of Progress Towards PSLF

1. Download the plain text (.txt) file of your federal loan, grant, enrollment, and contact information by logging in to StudentAid.gov and selecting "Download My Aid Data" on the My Aid page.
2. When you are logged into StudentAid.gov, view your PSLF payment counts in the My Aid section of your account. https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service
3. Export or print your Account History from your loan servicer's web interface.

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A **qualifying payment** is recorded when an **eligible payment (or equivalent)** is matched to a month of eligible **full-time** employment with a qualifying employer.

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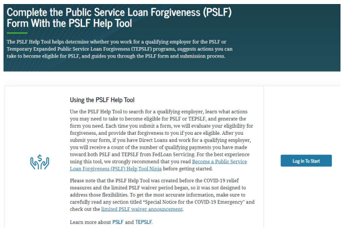
Complete the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Form With the PSLF Help Tool
The PSLF Help Tool helps determine whether you work for a qualifying employer for the PSLF or Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF) programs, suggests actions you can take to become eligible for PSLF, and guides you through the PSLF form and submission process.
Using the PSLF Help Tool
Use the PSLF Help Tool to search for a qualifying employer, learn what actions you may need to take to become eligible for PSLF or TEPSLF, and generate the form you need. Each time you submit a form, we will evaluate your eligibility for forgiveness, and provide that forgiveness to you if you are eligible. After you submit your form, if you have Direct Loans and work for a qualifying employer, you will receive a count of the number of qualifying payments you have made toward both PSLF and TEPSLF from FedLoan Servicing. For the best experience using this tool, we strongly recommend that you read Become a Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Ninja before getting started.
Please note that the PSLF Help Tool was created before the COVID-19 relief measures and the limited PSLF waiver period began, so it was not designed to address those flexibilities. To get the most accurate information, make sure to carefully read any section titled "Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency" and check out the limited PSLF waiver announcement.
Learn more about PSLF and TEPSLF.
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