§ 682.607 Payment of a refund or a return of title IV, HEA program funds to a lender upon a student's withdrawal.

(a) General. By applying for a FFEL loan, a borrower authorizes the school to pay directly to the lender that portion of a refund or return of title IV, HEA program funds from the school that is allocable to the loan upon the borrower’s withdrawal. A school—

1. Must pay that portion of the student’s refund or return of title IV, HEA program funds that is allocable to a FFEL loan to—

(i) The original lender; or

(ii) A subsequent holder, if the loan has been transferred and the school knows the new holder’s identity; and

2. Must provide simultaneous written notice to the borrower if the school makes a payment of a refund or a return of title IV, HEA program funds to a lender on behalf of that student.

(b) Allocation of a refund or returned title IV, HEA program funds. In determining the portion of a refund or the return of title IV, HEA program funds upon a student’s withdrawal for an academic period that is allocable to a FFEL loan received by the borrower for that academic period, the school must follow the procedures established for that borrower’s withdrawal.
§ 682.608 Termination of a school’s lending eligibility.

(a) General. The Secretary may terminate a school’s eligibility to make loans under this part if the school reaches the 15 percent limit on loan defaults described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The 15 percent limit. (1) The Secretary may terminate a school’s eligibility to make loans if at the end of each of the 2 most recent consecutive Federal fiscal years for which data are available, the total amount of loans described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section is equal to or greater than 15 percent of the total amount of loans described in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section as follows:

(i) The original principal amount of all loans the school has ever made that went into default during that period. (ii) The original principal amount of all loans the school has ever made, including loans in deferment status that—

(A) Were in repayment status at the beginning of that period; or

(B) Entered repayment status during that period.

(2) In making the determination under this section, the Secretary considers the status of all FFEL loans made by the school whether the loans are held by the school or by a subsequent holder.

(c) Exception based on hardship. The Secretary does not terminate a school’s lending eligibility under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section if the Secretary determines that the termination would result in a hardship for the school or its students. The Secretary makes this determination if the school shows that—

(1) Termination is not justified in light of recent improvements the school has made in its collection capabilities that will reduce the school’s loan default rate significantly within the next year. Examples of these improvements include—

(i) Adopting more efficient collection procedures; or

(ii) Employing increased collection staff; or

(2) Termination would cause a substantial hardship to the school’s current or prospective students or their parents based on—

(i) The extent to which the school provides, and expects to continue to provide educational opportunities to economically disadvantaged students as measured by the percentage of students enrolled at the school who—

(A) Are in families that fall within the “low-income family” category used by the Bureau of the Census; (B) Would not be able to enroll or continue their enrollment at that school without a loan from the school; and

(C) Would not be able to obtain a comparable education at another school;

(ii) The extent to which the school offers educational programs that—

(A) Are unique in the geographical area that the school serves; and

(B) Would not be available to some students if they or their parents could not obtain loans from the school; and

(iii) The quality of improvements the school has made in its—

(A) Management of student financial assistance programs; and

(B) Conformance with sound business practices.

(d) Termination procedures. (1) The Secretary notifies the school of the proposed termination of its lending eligibility and provides an opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary terminates the school under this section.

(2) The Secretary or his designee begins a termination action by sending a notice to the school. The notice is sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. The notice—

(i) Informs the school of the intent to terminate the school’s lending eligibility because of the school’s default experience; (ii) Specifies the proposed date the termination becomes effective; and