

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[CFDA No. 84.037]

**Office of Postsecondary Education; Availability of the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools For Teacher Cancellation Benefits For the 1997-98 School Year**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the 1997-98 School Year.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces that the 1997-98 Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools (Directory) is now available. Under the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan programs, a borrower may have repayment of his or her loan deferred and a portion of his or her loan canceled if the borrower teaches full-time for a complete academic year in a designated elementary or secondary school having a high concentration of students from low-income families. In the 1997-98 Directory, the Secretary lists, on a State-by-State and Territory-by-Territory basis, the schools in which a borrower may teach during the 1997-98 school year to qualify for deferment and cancellation benefits.

**DATES:** The Directory is currently available.

**ADDRESSES:** Information concerning specific schools listed in the Directory may be obtained from Sherraine Green, Systems Administration Branch, Campus-Based Programs Systems Division, Office of Postsecondary

Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., (Regional Office Building 3, Room 4621), Washington, DC 20202-5447, Telephone (202) 708-5182. Information concerning deferment and cancellation of a National Direct or Federal Perkins loan may be obtained from Sylvia Ross or Gail McLarnon, Program Specialists, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, Loans Branch, Policy Development Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., (Regional Office Building 3, Room 3045), Washington, DC 20202-5447, Telephone (202) 708-8242. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Directories are available at (1) each institution of higher education participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, (2) each of the fifty-seven (57) State and Territory Departments of Education, (3) each of the major Federal Perkins Loan billing services, and (4) the U.S. Department of Education, including its regional offices.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary selects the schools that qualify the borrower for deferment and cancellation benefits under the procedures contained in the Federal Perkins Loan program regulation in 34 CFR 674.53, 674.54 and 674.55.

The Secretary has determined that, for the 1997-98 academic year, full-time teaching in the schools set forth in the 1997-98 Directory qualifies a borrower for deferment and cancellation benefits.

The Secretary is providing the Directory to each institution participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Borrowers and other interested parties may check with their lending institutions, the appropriate State or Territory Department of Education, regional offices of the Department of Education, or the Office of Postsecondary Education of the Department of Education concerning the identity of qualifying schools for the 1997-98 academic year. The Office of Postsecondary Education retains, on a permanent basis, copies of past Directories.

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