

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**Office of Student Financial Assistance; Notice of Availability of the Amendments to the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the 1998–99 School Year**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Education (the Secretary) announces that the 1998–99 Amendments to the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools (the Directory) have been incorporated into the 1998–99 Directory currently available on the Department of Education's (the Department) website. 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. The 1998–99 Directory lists, on a State-by-State and Territory-by-Territory basis, the schools in which a borrower may teach during the 1998–99 school year to qualify for deferment and cancellation benefits. The Amendments to the Directory identify changes in the list of schools that qualify borrowers for teacher cancellation benefits under each of the loan programs.

**DATES:** The Amendments to the Directory are currently available in electronic format 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, (4) the U.S. Department of Education, including its regional offices, and (5) on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/studentaid>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information concerning specific schools listed in the Amendments to the Directory may be obtained from Chrisetta Nelson, Systems Administration Branch, Campus-Based Programs Systems Division, Office of Student Financial Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., (Portals Building, Room 6200), Washington, D.C. 20202–5447, telephone (202) 708–7738. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

Information concerning deferment and cancellation of a National Direct or Federal Perkins Loan may be obtained from Vanessa Freeman or Gail McLarnon, Program Specialists, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, Loans Branch, Policy Development Division, Office of Student Financial Assistance, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., (Regional Office Building 3, Room 3045), Washington, D.C. 20202–5447, telephone (202) 708–8242.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this notice in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, and computer diskette) from the contact person listed in the first paragraph of this section.

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

The Secretary has determined that, the 1998–99 academic year, full-time teaching in the schools identified by the

1998–99 Amendments to the Directory qualifies a borrower for deferment and cancellation benefits.

The Secretary is providing the Amendments to the Directory to each institution participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program in an electronic format only. Borrowers and other interested parties may check the Department's website, their lending institution, the appropriate State or Territory Department of Education, regional offices of the Department of Education, or the Office of Student Financial Assistance of the Department of Education concerning the identity of qualifying schools for the 1998–99 academic year. The Office of Student Financial Assistance retains, on a permanent basis, copies of past directories.

**Electronic Access to the Notice**

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**Note:** The official version of a document is the document published in the **Federal Register**.

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