

a number of health professions. HEAL forms collect information that is required for responsible program management. The HEAL Repayment Schedule, Fixed and Variable, provides the borrower with the cost of a HEAL loan, the number and amount of payments, and the Truth-in-Lending

disclosures. The Lender's Report on HEAL Student Loans Outstanding (Call Report) provides information on the status of loans outstanding by the number of borrowers and total number of loans whose loan payments are in various stages of the loan cycle, such as student education and repayment, and

the corresponding dollar amounts. These forms are needed to provide borrowers with information on the cost of their loan(s) and to determine which lenders may have excessive delinquencies and defaulted loans.

The estimate of burden for the forms is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Repayment Schedule HRSA 502	8	666	5,328	.5	2,664
Call Report HRSA-512	20	4	80	.75	60
Total	28	5,408	2,724

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Cheryl R. Dammons,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

“Low Income Levels” Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a “low income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low income levels used to determine eligibility for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (3) individuals from “low income families.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The various health professions and nursing grant and cooperative agreement programs that use the low-income levels to determine whether an individual is from an economically disadvantaged background in making eligibility and funding determinations generally make awards to: Accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice, and other public or private nonprofit health or education entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for disadvantaged students.

Low-Income Levels

The Secretary defines a “low income family” for programs included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the PHS Act as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department’s poverty guidelines. A family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together or an individual who is not living with any relatives. Most HRSA programs use the income of the student’s parents to compute low income status, while a few programs, depending upon the legislative intent of the program, programmatic purpose of the low income level, as well as the age and circumstances of the average participant, will use the student’s family as long as he or she is not listed as a dependent upon the parents’ tax form. Each program will announce the rationale and choice of methodology for determining low income levels in their program guidance. The Department’s

poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The Secretary annually adjusts the low income levels based on the Department’s poverty guidelines and makes them available to persons responsible for administering the applicable programs. The income figures below have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 2005.

Size of parents’ family*	Income Level**
1	\$19,600
2	26,400
3	33,200
4	40,000
5	46,800
6	53,600
7	60,400
8	67,200

* Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms. Some programs will use the student’s family rather than his or her parents’ family.

** Adjusted gross income for calendar year 2005.

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Elizabeth M. Duke,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Agency Information Collection Activities: New Information Collection, Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: CIS Ombudsman Case Problem Submission, Form G-1107. OMB Control No. 1615-NEW.