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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*

Dated: October 22, 2018.

James F. Manning,

Acting Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2018–ICCD–0111]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Student Assistance General Provisions—Non-Title IV Revenue Requirements (90/10)

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 24, 2018.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2018–ICCD–0111. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202–0023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202–377–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Student Assistance General Provisions—Non-Title IV Revenue Requirements (90/10).

OMB Control Number: 1845–0096.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,872.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,808.

Abstract: As enacted by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (Pub. L. 110–315), the regulations in 34 CFR 668.28 provide that a proprietary institution must derive at least 10% of its annual revenue from sources other than Title IV, HEA funds, sanctions for failing to meet this requirement, and otherwise implement the statute by (1) specifying a Net Present Value (NPV) formula used to establish the revenue for institutional loans, (2) providing an administratively easier alternative to the NPV calculation, and (3) describing more fully the non-Title IV eligible programs from which revenue may be

counted for 90/10 purposes. The regulations require an institution to disclose in a footnote to its audited financial statements the amounts of Federal and non-Federal revenues, by category, that it used in calculating its 90/10 ratio (see section 487(d) of the HEA). This is a request to extend the information collection that identifies the reporting burden for this regulation.

Dated: October 22, 2018.

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Annual Notice of Interest Rates for Fixed-Rate Federal Student Loans Made Under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Acting Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans), Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans (Direct Unsubsidized Loans), and Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loans) made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program with first disbursement dates on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Utz, U.S. Department of Education, 830 First Street NE, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 377–4040 or by email: Jon.Utz@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.268.

Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans, and Direct Consolidation Loans (collectively referred to as “Direct Loans”) may have either fixed or variable interest rates, depending on when the loan was first disbursed or, in the case of a Direct Consolidation Loan, when the application for the loan was received. Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after

July 1, 2006, and Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, have fixed interest rates that apply for the life of the loan. Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed before July 1, 2006, and Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received before February 1, 1999, have variable interest rates that are determined annually and are in effect during the period from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.

This notice announces the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans with first disbursement dates on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019, and provides interest rate information for other fixed-rate Direct Loans. Interest rate information for variable-rate Direct

Loans is announced in a separate **Federal Register** Notice.

Fixed-Rate Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2013

Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)) includes formulas for determining the interest rates for all Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013. The interest rate for these loans is a fixed rate that is determined annually for all loans first disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. The rate is equal to the high yield of the 10-year Treasury notes auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of that 12-month period, plus a statutory add-on percentage that varies depending on

the loan type and, for Direct Unsubsidized Loans, whether the loan was made to an undergraduate or graduate student. The calculated interest rate may not exceed a maximum rate specified in the HEA. If the interest rate formula results in a rate that exceeds the statutory maximum rate, the rate is the statutory maximum rate. Loans first disbursed during different 12-month periods that begin on July 1 and end on June 30 may have different interest rates, but the rate determined for any loan is a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan.

On May 9, 2018, the United States Treasury Department held a 10-year Treasury note auction that resulted in a high yield of 2.995 percent.

Chart 1 shows the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2018, and before July 1, 2019.

CHART 1—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2018 AND BEFORE 07/01/2019

Loan type	Borrower type	10-year treasury note high yield 05/09/2018 (%)	Add-on (%)	Maximum rate (%)	Fixed interest rate (%)
Direct Subsidized Loans	Undergraduate students	2.995	2.05	8.25	5.05
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	Graduate and professional students Parents of dependent undergraduate students. Graduate and professional students.	2.995	3.60	9.50	6.60
Direct Unsubsidized Loans ¹		2.995	4.60	10.50	7.60
Direct PLUS Loans					

For reference, Chart 2 compares the fixed interest rates for Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and

Direct PLUS Loans first disbursed during the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, with the fixed interest

rates for loans first disbursed during each previous 12-month period from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2018.

CHART 2—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2013 AND BEFORE 07/01/2019

First disbursed		Fixed interest rates (%)			Federal Register Notice
On/after	Before	Direct subsidized loans Direct unsubsidized loans (undergraduate students)	Direct unsubsidized loans (graduate or professional students)	Direct PLUS loans	
07/01/2018	07/01/2019	5.05	6.60	7.60	N/A.
07/01/2017	07/01/2018	4.45	6.00	7.00	82 FR 29062 (June 27, 2017).
07/01/2016	07/01/2017	3.76	5.31	6.31	81 FR 38159 (June 13, 2016).
07/01/2015	07/01/2016	4.29	5.84	6.84	80 FR 42488 (July 17, 2015).
07/01/2014	07/01/2015	4.66	6.21	7.21	79 FR 37301 (July 1, 2014).
07/01/2013	07/01/2014	3.86	5.41	6.41	78 FR 59011 (September 25, 2013).

¹ Graduate and professional students are not eligible to receive Direct Subsidized Loans.

Fixed-Rate Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS Loans First Disbursed on or After July 1, 2006, and Before July 2, 2013

Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct PLUS

Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2013, have fixed interest rates that are specified in section 455(b) of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)). Chart 3 shows the interest rates for these loans.

CHART 3—DIRECT SUBSIDIZED LOANS, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS, AND DIRECT PLUS LOANS FIRST DISBURSED ON OR AFTER 07/01/2006 AND BEFORE 07/01/2013

Loan type	Borrower type	First disbursed on/after	First disbursed before	Interest rate (%)
Subsidized	Undergraduate students	07/01/2011	07/01/2013	3.40
Subsidized	Undergraduate students	07/01/2010	07/01/2011	4.50
Subsidized	Undergraduate students	07/01/2009	07/01/2010	5.60
Subsidized	Undergraduate students	07/01/2008	07/01/2009	6.00
Subsidized	Undergraduate students	07/01/2006	07/01/2008	6.80
Subsidized	Graduate or professional students	07/01/2006	² 07/01/2012	6.80
Unsubsidized	Undergraduate and graduate or professional	07/01/2006	07/01/2013	6.80
PLUS	Graduate or professional students and parents of dependent undergraduate students.	07/01/2006	07/01/2013	7.90

Fixed-Rate Direct Consolidation Loans

Section 455(b) of the HEA specifies that all Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, have a fixed interest rate that is equal to the weighted average of the interest rates on

the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent. For Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2013, the interest rate may not exceed 8.25 percent. However, under

455(b) of the HEA the 8.25 percent interest rate cap does not apply to Direct Consolidation Loans made based on applications received on or after July 1, 2013. Chart 4 shows the interest rates for fixed-rate Direct Consolidation Loans.

CHART 4—DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS MADE BASED ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON OR AFTER 02/01/1999

Application received	Interest rate (%)	Maximum interest rate (%)
On/after 07/01/2013	Weighted average of the interest rates on the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent.	None
On/after 02/01/1999 and before 07/01/2013	(same as above)	8.25

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Biomass Research and Development Technical Advisory Committee under Section 9008(d) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: November 15, 2018, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; November 16, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

² Effective for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, graduate and professional students are no longer eligible to receive Direct Subsidized Loans.