

operation of vending facilities and cafeterias on Federal properties by blind vendors licensed by SLAs, where such operation is feasible and would not adversely affect the interests of the United States. Upon justification provided by a Federal department or agency to the Secretary, and the Secretary's determination that placement or operation of a vending facility or cafeteria adversely affects the interests of the United States and thus justifies a limitation on such placement or operation, the limitation becomes effective upon publication by the Secretary in the **Federal Register**. 34 CFR 395.30(a) and (b).

Justification of Limitation

Based on information provided by the Department of the Army, the Secretary has determined that a limitation of the Randolph-Sheppard priority is justified for the Department of the Army's DFAC contracts. The Secretary acknowledges that the Randolph-Sheppard Vending Facility program, as applied to the Department of the Army's DFAC contracts, adversely affects the interests of the United States. Specifically, the Department of the Army's critical role in national security and the paramount importance of maintaining operational mission readiness of its service members necessitates removal of barriers that prevent the Department of the Army from being in the best position possible to conduct its procurements and manage its DFAC contracts. Based on the Department of the Army's representations, it is clear that the Randolph-Sheppard priority hinders the Department of the Army's ability to act swiftly, efficiently, and cost-effectively in procuring and managing DFAC contracts, which negatively impacts the availability and quality of food options for the nation's warfighters.

Higher Costs

Randolph-Sheppard regulations at 34 CFR 395.33(b) stipulate that when a proposal submitted by an SLA for the operation of a DFAC is determined to be within the competitive range, the agency shall consult with the Secretary as described in 34 CFR 395.33(a). The Secretary considered that the Department of the Army reported an instance where a DFAC contract had a 33 percent higher price differential and a cumulative difference of \$164 million more when comparing lowest price technically acceptable proposals with some proposals made by SLAs over a five-year period. The higher costs from applying the Randolph-Sheppard priority may also have the adverse effect of decreasing funds available for other

investments critical to ensuring service member readiness. According to the Department of the Army, this requirement has stifled its ability to select a vendor proposing innovative approaches and process improvements, better service, and cost savings. The Secretary thus has determined, after consultation with the Department of the Army, that operation of DFACs subject to a Randolph-Sheppard priority cannot be provided at a reasonable cost.

Arbitration Delays

SLAs are afforded the right to arbitration in the Randolph-Sheppard Act. On average, the Department of the Army has faced arbitrations that last 801 days resulting in significant delays in awarding DFAC contracts. The Secretary considers it unreasonable to expect the Department of the Army to be entangled in any DFAC contract arbitration that could last for more than two years. The Secretary believes this is an unreasonable burden to place on the Department of the Army, thus a limitation on applicability of the Act for Department of the Army DFAC contracts is justified.

Performance Issues

The Department of the Army conveyed various examples of performance issues with Randolph-Sheppard DFAC contracts including nutrition (e.g., not including nutritional menu standards and serving meals that do not meet requirements) and sanitation (e.g., cross-contamination of food and improper labeling). Other reported performance issues include food safety (e.g., foreign objects in food) and lack of documented employee training related to safety and sanitation.

Conclusion

For these reasons, the Secretary has concluded that a limitation of the Randolph-Sheppard priority is justified for future DFAC contracts competed by the Department of the Army. The Secretary notes that blind vendors may still bid for DFAC contracts even if there is no Randolph-Sheppard priority in place.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2025-SCC-0548]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Foreign Schools Eligibility Criteria Apply To Participate in Title IV HEA Programs

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

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check the "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Reginfo.gov provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the "View Information Collection (IC) List" link. Supporting statements and other supporting

documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department 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: Foreign Schools Eligibility Criteria Apply to Participate in Title IV HEA Programs.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0105.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individual and Households; Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 27,578.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 8,023.

Abstract: This request is for an extension of the information collection of the requirements in the policies and procedures related to the eligibility of foreign schools to apply to participate in Title IV, HEA programs that were added by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA). The information in 34 CFR 600.54, 600.55, 600.56, and 600.57 is used by the Department during the initial review for eligibility certification, recertification and annual evaluations. These regulations help to ensure that all foreign institutions participating in the Title IV, HEA programs are meeting the minimum participation standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990 (Privacy Act), and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on the conduct of matching programs, notice is hereby given of the re-establishment of the matching program between the U.S. Department of Education (Department), as the recipient agency, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), as the source agency, for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or the amount of repayments of obligations under, Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans, the Direct Loan Program, and determining eligibility for and the amount of Federal student financial aid under the Pell Grant Program, Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, under the authority of the Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act (FUTURE Act), Public Law 116–91, 133 Stat. 1189–1197 (2019), as amended by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116–136, 134 Stat. 281–615 (2020), and the FAFSA Simplification Act, title VII of division FF of Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 3137–3201 (2020) (which is part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021), as amended by the FAFSA Simplification Act Technical Corrections Act, division R of Public Law 117–103, 136 Stat. 819–821 (2022) (which is part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022).

DATES: The period of this matching program is estimated to cover the 18-month period from January 30, 2026 through July 29, 2027. However, the matching program will become applicable at the later of the following two dates: January 30, 2026, or 30 days after the publication of this notice, on December 23, 2025, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the applicable date and may be extended for

up to an additional 12 months, if the Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) of ED and Treasury determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). However, if you require an accommodation or cannot otherwise submit your comments via [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), please contact the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The Department will not accept comments submitted by fax or by email, or comments submitted after the comment period. To ensure that the Department does not receive duplicate copies, please submit your comments only once. In addition, please include the Docket ID at the top of your comments.

■ *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov to submit your comments electronically. Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing agency documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket, is available on the site under “FAQ”.

Privacy Note: The Department’s policy is generally to make comments received from members of the public available for public viewing in their entirety on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Therefore, commenters should include in their comments only information about themselves that they wish to make publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corinne Sauri, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 245–6412.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Privacy Act, OMB “Final Guidance Interpreting the Provisions of Public Law 100–503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988,” published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 1989 (54 FR 25818–25829), and OMB Circular No. A–108, notice is hereby provided of the re-establishment of a matching program between the IRS and the Department pursuant to which the IRS will disclose to the Department certain FTI of an individual, upon approval being provided by the individual to the Department, for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or repayment obligations under, IDR plans under title