PSLF BASICS

120 qualifying payments… While working for a qualifying employer

…on Direct Loans… …when applying for and receiving PSLF

Forgiven amount is not taxable income
On Oct. 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced a change to Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program rules for a limited time.

Borrowers may receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for PSLF. Under the new, temporary rules, any prior period of repayment will count as a qualifying payment, regardless of loan program, repayment plan, or whether the payment was made in full or on time. You continue to need qualifying employment.

This change applies to student loan borrowers with Direct Loans, those who have already consolidated into the Direct Loan Program, and those who consolidate into the Direct Loan Program by Oct. 31, 2022.
LIMITED PSLF WAIVER

THE LIMITED PSLF WAIVER HAS IMPACTED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BORROWERS

• To date, the Department has approved over $10 billion in forgiveness for more than 175,000 borrowers through the Limited PSLF Waiver.
• The waiver has brought another 1.1 million borrowers closer to forgiveness, with the average borrower picking up a year’s worth of credit.
• More than a quarter of a million borrowers got 2 years or more of additional credit toward forgiveness.
• These numbers will all continue to grow as the Department continues to process paperwork and review files.
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Borrowers must act now

Borrowers who still have FFEL and Perkins Loans can only get credit for past payments if they consolidate into DL and file PSLF Forms for prior employment before Oct. 31, 2022. After Oct. 31, 2022, normal PSLF/TEPSLF requirements will apply.
NOTE ON PARENT PLUS LOANS

• Parent PLUS Loans are not excluded from PSLF.

• However, Parent PLUS Loans are not eligible for all income-driven repayment plans. They’re only eligible for Income Contingent Repayment (ICR).

• Parent PLUS borrowers can consolidate their debt to access the ICR plan and thus, PSLF.

• Parent Plus borrowers should use the Loan Simulator to compare how an ICR payment on a consolidation loan would compare to a graduated or extended payment they may currently be making.
The Income Driven Repayment (IDR) Account Adjustment, announced on April 19, 2022, will impact PSLF borrowers:

Borrowers that have 12 or more months of consecutive forbearance or 36 or more months of cumulative forbearance, will receive PSLF credit for those periods of time if qualifying employment has been certified for the same period.

These changes will be applied automatically. But, if a borrower believes they might benefit, they should be sure to submit a PSLF Form to certify all periods of qualifying employment.
Complete the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Form With the PSLF Help Tool

The PSLF Help Tool helps determine whether you work for a qualifying employer for the PSLF or Temporary Expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness (TEPSLF) programs, suggests actions you can take to become eligible for PSLF, and guides you through the PSLF form and submission process.

Using the PSLF Help Tool

Use the PSLF Help Tool to search for a qualifying employer, learn what actions you may need to take to become eligible for PSLF or TEPSLF, and generate the form you need. Each time you submit a form, we will evaluate your eligibility for forgiveness and provide that forgiveness to you if you are eligible. After you submit your form, if you have Direct Loans and work for a qualifying employer, you will receive a count of the number of qualifying payments you have made toward both PSLF and TEPSLF from FedLoan Servicing. For the best experience using this tool, we strongly recommend that you read Become a Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Ninja before getting started.

Please note that the PSLF Help Tool was created before the COVID-19 relief measures and the limited PSLF waiver period began, so it was not designed to address those flexibilities. To get the most accurate information, make sure to carefully read any section titled “Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency” and check out the limited PSLF waiver announcement.

Learn more about PSLF and TEPSLF.
PSLF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

LIMITED PSLF WAIVER
StudentAid.gov/pslfwaiver

GENERAL PSLF INFORMATION
StudentAid.gov/publicservice
• Make sure to review the FAQs!
• Beginning July 1, 2022, all new PSLF form submissions go to MOHELA.

PSLF HELP TOOL
StudentAid.gov/pslf

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PSLF FORM
Beginning July 1, submit your PSLF forms to MOHELA:

Fax to: 866-222-7060.

Upload to: mohela.com/uploadDocument if MOHELA is already your servicer.