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PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS WEBINAR

Thursday, June 9, 2022
12- 1 p.m.



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Student Borrower Protection Center
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 - Senior Advisor to the Chief Operating Officer,
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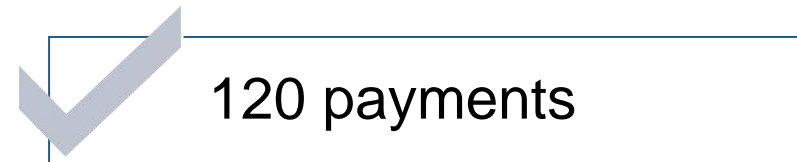
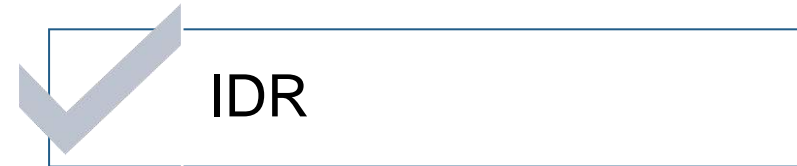
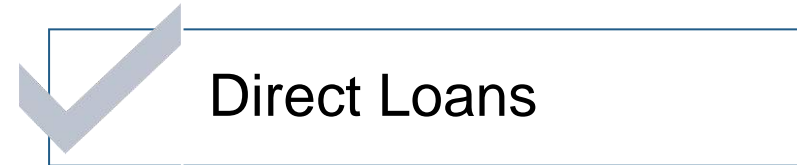
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Four Requirements:

1. Right type of loan
2. Right type of repayment plan
3. Right type of employment
4. Right number of payments



Requirement One: Right Type of Loan

- Only Direct Loans are eligible for PSLF
- Borrowers with FFELP or Perkins loans can consolidate www.studentaid.gov to start consolidation process
- Borrowers with individual Direct Loans will lose any progress made towards PSLF if they consolidate
- Parent Plus loans can qualify if consolidated

Requirement Two: Right Type of Repayment Plan

- Income-driven repayment plans
 - Can be as low as \$0 per month
- 10-year standard repayment plan
- Extended repayment *does not* qualify
- Graduated repayment *sometimes* qualifies
- Consolidation application will give you the option to enroll in IDR

Requirement Three: Right Type of Employment

- It doesn't matter what you do. It matters where you work
 - Government organization
 - 501(c)(3) not-for profit organization
 - Other not-for-profit providing certain qualifying services
- Full-time
 - Greater of
 - 30 hours per week
 - Employer's definition of full-time
 - Can combine multiple part time jobs

Requirement Four: Right Number of Payments

120 qualifying payments:

- Payments made in full
- Partial payments made within 15 days of the due date
- Only prepay/make lump-sum payments for up to 12 months

PSLF: during COVID

Payment pause months count toward 120 payments, BUT

- You still need to meet all the other criteria
- Job loss or reduced hours
- Delays
- Retirement

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Broken Promises

The New York Times DealBook Business & Policy

Student Loan Company Accused of
Mismanaging Debt Forgiveness Program



REUTERS World Business Markets Politics TV

U.S. JUNE 22, 2017 / 5:50 PM / 8 MONTHS AGO

Servicing issues may hamper U.S.
student-loan forgiveness for thousands



Why Public Service Loan
Forgiveness Is So Unforgiving

**This government loan
forgiveness program has
rejected 99% of
borrowers so far**

**The 'broken' public service student loan
forgiveness system is particularly brutal for
military veterans**

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**New Report Shows Public
Service Loan Forgiveness Is A
Mess**

PSLF: sharing borrower stories

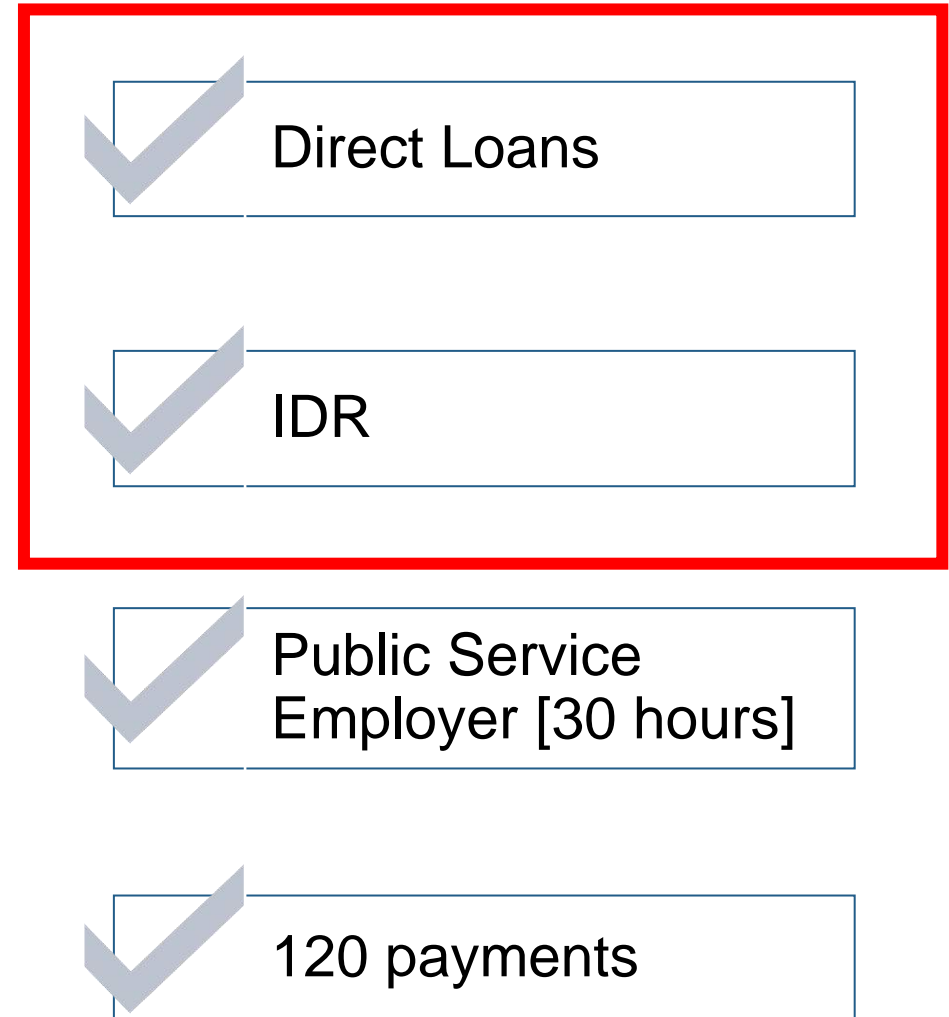
- 60 day comment period
- Nearly 50,000 comments
- Teachers, veterans, nurses, social workers, firefighters, doctors, legal aid, home health aides, adjuncts, public defenders, seniors, students, parents, grandparents, private borrowers



Time-Limited Waiver of Public Service Loan Forgiveness Requirements

Limited PSLF Waiver

- Loan type: Credit for payments on FFEL and Perkins loans if the borrower consolidates (or already has)
- Payment plan: any payment counts
- Employer and payment count still apply
- Military deferments and forbearances count
- Current employment not necessary



Limited PSLF Waiver

- Not completely automatic
 - FFEL/Perkins must consolidate
 - File ECF if have not previously
- FFEL and Perkins borrowers are at greatest risk of missing out



Direct Loans



IDR



Public Service
Employer [30 hours]



120 payments

OCTOBER 31, 2022, DEADLINE TO ACT

What Borrowers Need to Know

Do you need to take action? It depends.

1. Is your employer a qualified public service employer?
2. What loans do you have?
3. Have you certified your employment with the PSLF form?

Do you need to take action? It depends.

1. Is your employer a qualified public service employer?

- Check on the www.studentaid.gov PSLF Help Tool to see if any of your employers since 2007 are already qualified as public service employers. If so, then consolidate.
- If your employer is not listed, but you work for a government, 501(c)3, or certain other non-profit organizations, you can likely still qualify.

Do you need to take action? It depends.

2. What loans do you have?

- If you have anything other than a Direct Loan, you must consolidate.
- If you have a Direct Loan or already consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan, your loan types qualifies for PSLF.


Do you need to take action? It depends.

3. Have you certified your employment with the PSLF form?

- If you have a Direct Loan and certified employment since having that loan, the Department will automatically review your account for PSLF credit.
- If you have a Direct Loan and have never certified, you must submit the PSLF Form (formerly an ECF) using the www.studentaid.gov PSLF Help Tool.
- If you have to consolidate into a Direct Loan, you must submit the PSLF Form (formerly ECF) after you consolidate.

Confirming Employers

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+ Add Employer

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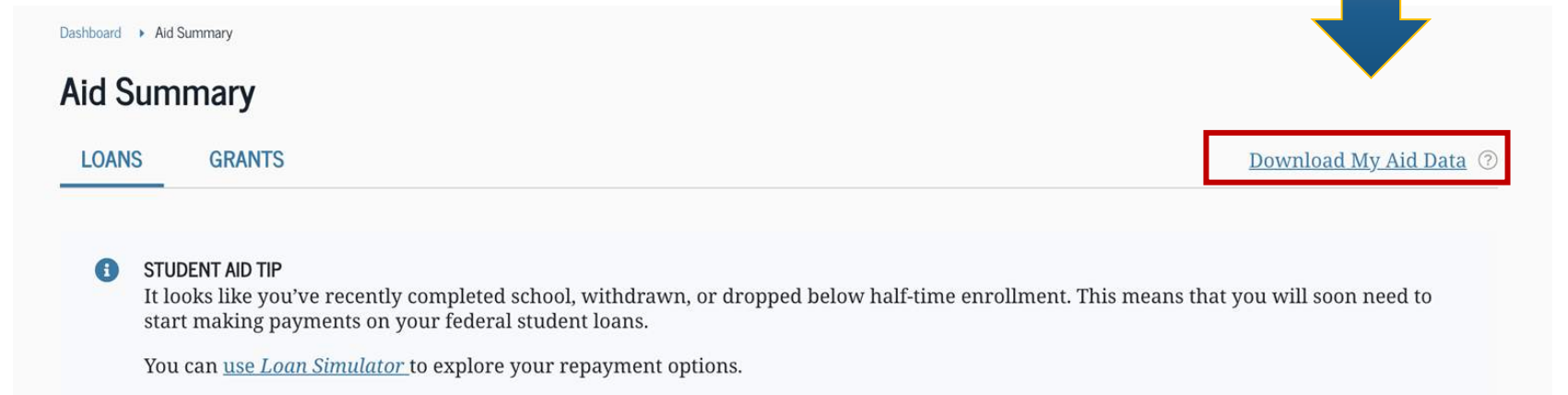
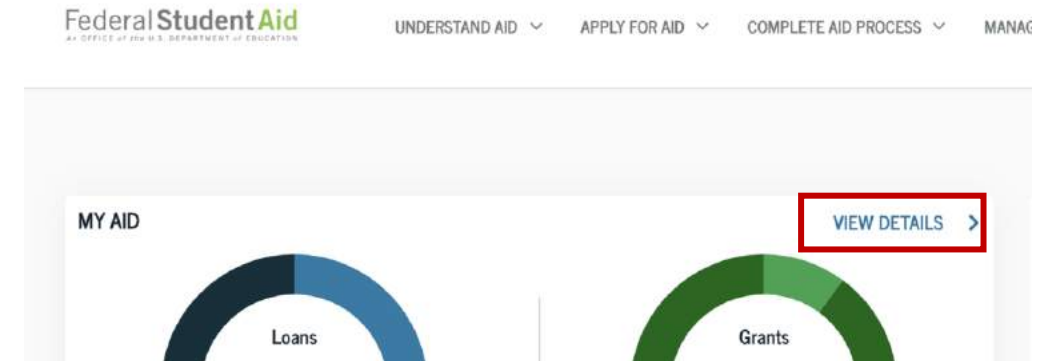
Identifying Your Student Loans

How to tell what type of federal student loan you have

Step 1: Log into studentaid.gov

Step 2: Under your student aid dashboard, navigate to “View Details”

Step 3: On the top right, select “Download My Aid Data”



How to tell what type of federal student loan you have

Loan Types

■ 2 Consolidation Loans			\$136,916	⬆
Loan Type	Principal	Interest	Total Balance	
Direct Consolidation Unsubsidized	\$126,965	\$0	\$126,965	
Direct Consolidation Subsidized	\$9,951	\$0	\$9,951	
Total	\$136,916	\$0	\$136,916	
■ 3 Graduate PLUS Loans			\$0	⬇
■ 1 Perkins Loans			\$0	⬇
■ 3 Subsidized Loans			\$0	⬇
■ 6 Unsubsidized Loans			\$0	⬇



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DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOAN APPLICATION

You're currently not logged in!

You must log in to complete and submit federal student loan processes.

LOG IN

What is Loan Consolidation?

If you have multiple student loans you may be able to combine them into one loan with a fixed interest rate based on the average of the interest rates on the loans being consolidated. [Learn more about loan consolidation](#)

A Direct Consolidation Loan allows you to consolidate multiple federal education loans into one loan at no cost to you.

Through your completion of the free Federal Direct Consolidation Loan Application and Promissory Note, you will confirm the loans that you want to consolidate and agree to repay the new Direct Consolidation Loan.

Once the consolidation is complete, you will have a single monthly payment on the new Direct Consolidation Loan instead of multiple monthly payments on the loans you consolidated.

Alert! On Oct. 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education announced a temporary period during which borrowers may receive credit for payments that previously did not qualify for PSLF or TEPSLF. [Learn more about this time-limited opportunity](#).

Consolidate Your Loans

LOG IN TO START

Who should complete this?

Borrowers who want to consolidate their federal student loans and borrowers who have outstanding FFEL or Perkins loans and want to take

- Select the loans to consolidate
- View the amount and interest rate for your new Direct Consolidation Loan

DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOAN APPLICATION

1 Choose Loan & Servicer
2 Choose Repayment
3 Terms & Conditions
4 Personal Information
5 Review & Sign

- ☒ Select the Loans to Consolidate
- ☐ Grace Period
- ☐ Servicer Selection

Borrower [REDACTED]
Social Security Number [REDACTED]

Select the Loans to Consolidate

Your Total Educational Indebtedness ⓘ [REDACTED]

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Loan Type	Loan Servicer	Loan Balance	Interest Rate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J ⓘ	NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, LLC. Loan Details ⓘ	[REDACTED]	2.88%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J ⓘ	NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, LLC. Loan Details ⓘ	[REDACTED]	2.88%

Add Loans

Your New Direct Consolidation Loan

Your new Direct Consolidation Loan will combine the 1 loans selected above into a single loan with:

\$
Loan Amount: [REDACTED]
%
Interest Rate: 3%

[More Information ⓘ](#)

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Repayment Plan Request

Estimate Your Payments

Repayment Plan Request

Repayment Estimator

Consolidation Loan Balance \$4772

Adjusted Gross Income

Select your tax filing status: Single

Family Size

State of Residence VIRGINIA

Repayment Plan Information

1 You must provide your Adjusted Gross Income.

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Standard

You will pay a total of \$5,464 over 110 months.

\$50 - \$50/month

+

Graduated

You will pay a total of \$5,710 over 120 months.

\$26 - \$77/month

+

Extended Fixed

You're not eligible for this plan based on the information entered above.

Extended Graduated

You're not eligible for this plan based on the information entered above.

Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)

You're not eligible for this plan based on the information entered above.

Pay As You Earn (PAYE)


Repayment Plan Request

Choose the repayment plan for your new Direct Consolidation Loan: Standard

Exit Continue

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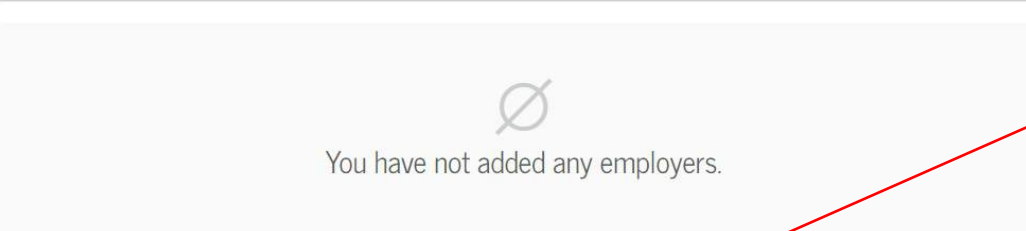
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Generating an Employer Certification Form

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool



i The PSLF Help Tool has not been updated for the COVID or limited PSLF waiver

This tool was created before COVID-19 relief measures began that relief. To get the most accurate info, make sure to carefully read the "Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency."

As part of the [COVID-19 emergency relief](#), federal student loan payments will restart after Jan. 31, 2022. In addition, certain loans will be forgiven from Oct. 6, 2021, to Oct. 31, 2022. [Learn more about this limited waiver](#).

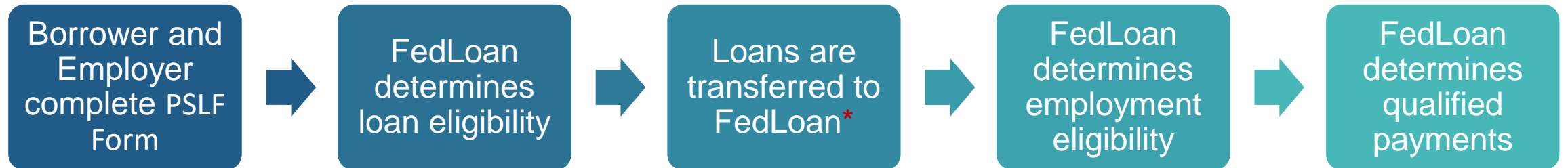
Note: You still need to have qualifying employment.

Borrower Name **Borrower SSN**

SECTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BORROWER OR EMPLOYER)

<p>1. Employer Name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>2. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) <input type="text"/></p> <p>3. Employer Address: <input type="text"/></p> <p>4. Employer Website (if any): <input type="text"/></p> <p>5. Employment Begin Date: <input type="text"/></p> <p>6. Employment End Date: <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Still Employed</p> <p>7. Employment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-Time</p>	<p>10. Is your employer tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC)? If your employer is tax-exempt under another subsection of 501(c) of the IRC, such as 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6), check "No" to this question. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Skip to Section 4. <input type="checkbox"/> No - Continue to Item 11.</p> <p>11. Is your employer a not-for-profit organization that is not tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Continue to Item 12. <input type="checkbox"/> No - Your employer does not qualify.</p> <p>12. Is your employer a partisan political organization or a labor union? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Your employer does not qualify. <input type="checkbox"/> No - Continue to Item 13.</p> <p>13. Which of the following services does your employer provide? Check all that apply and then continue to Section 4. If you check "None of the above", do not submit this form. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency management <input type="checkbox"/> Military service (See Section 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Public safety <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement</p>
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Submitting an Employer Certification Form



Common Issues

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3. Employer Address:

~~701 Prairie Hawk Drive~~
~~Castle Rock, CO 80109 US~~
620 Wilcox Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104

4. Employer Website (if any):

www.dcsdk12.org

5. Employment Begin Date:

~~07/31/2015~~ 7/1/2015

Common Issues

What will happen after you submit this form for processing?

Once FedLoan Servicing receives your form, they will begin their review. Once they review your employment, they'll determine the number of qualifying payments you've made and will send you a notice informing you of that number.

Note: It may take up to 120 days to process your employment information and review your payment information.

You will not receive confirmation that your loan, employment, or payments qualify for PSLF or TEPSLF, or that you are eligible for forgiveness until you submit this form.

RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

Some of your loans do not qualify for the PSLF Program, but there are actions you could consider taking.

GET OUT OF DEFERMENT OR FORBEARANCE

The loans listed below are in deferment or forbearance; therefore, you aren't making eligible monthly payments on those loans. If you can't afford your monthly payments, use *Loan Simulator* at [StudentAid.gov/loan-simulator](https://studentaid.gov/loan-simulator) to estimate payments on different repayment plans. It's important to stop postponing payments so you can make qualifying payments for the PSLF Program.

Loan Type	Loan Status	Servicer	Qualifying Payments Made
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	Forbearance	DEPT OF ED/MOHELA	0
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	Forbearance	DEPT OF ED/MOHELA	0
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	Forbearance	DEPT OF ED/MOHELA	0

Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency Payment Pause

As part of the COVID-19 emergency relief, federal student loan payments were paused. Payments will restart after Jan. 31, 2022.

You do not need to remove your loans from the COVID-19 payment pause to qualify for PSLF. As long as you are employed full-time for a qualifying employer during this time, you can receive credit toward PSLF.

Want to see your qualifying payments show up in your account? Submit a PSLF form to certify your employment for the

Common Issues

Have you made 120 qualifying payments? ?

If you don't know, take your best guess! We will always review to see if you are eligible for forgiveness, so your answer won't negatively impact you in any way.

Why do we ask this question?

☒ **Yes, I have made 120 qualifying payments and qualify for forgiveness right now.**

Choose this option if you think you have made at least 120 qualifying payments on at least one of your loans while working for a qualifying employer.



Are You Sure?

Based on your loan information, you have not been in repayment for at least 10 years and do not yet qualify for PSLF. Select "No" in response to this question to continue.

☐ **No, I haven't made 120 qualifying payments.**

Choose this option if you just want to find out how many qualifying payments you have made to date, or if your employer is a qualifying employer and you don't think you qualify for forgiveness right now.

Common Issues

PSLF Qualifying Payment Details

Loan Sequence	Disbursement Date	Loan Program	PSLF Eligible Payments	PSLF Qualifying Payments (Total)	PSLF Qualifying Payments (Remaining)	Estimated Eligibility Date for PSLF
0001	11/02/2021	DLSCNS	3	1	119	03/2032
0002	11/02/2021	DLUCNS	3	1	119	03/2032

TEPSLF Candidates: We will send you separate correspondence with additional details, if you are eligible for reconsideration under TEPSLF.

Good to Know! The charts above display the total number of eligible and qualifying payments you have made (out of the required 120) on your eligible loans for PSLF and TEPSLF, **including any periods we have assessed as eligible or qualifying under the Limited PSLF Waiver. Please ensure that you have certified all periods of eligible employment.**

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P.O. Box 69184, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9184 | M-F 8AM to 9PM (ET) | 855-265-4038 | International 717-720-1985 | 711

[MyFedLoan.org](https://www.MyFedLoan.org)

If you believe you may have additional eligible employment, please submit a PSLF Form for the appropriate period. For more details regarding your payments made towards both PSLF and TEPSLF, please visit us on the web at [MyFedLoan.org/PSLF](https://www.MyFedLoan.org/PSLF).

Important Takeaways

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- Credit will be given for months during which any loan type was in repayment
- Deadline of October 31, 2022, to consolidate and/or submit PSLF Form (ECF)
- Confirm your employer
- Confirm your loan types
- Consolidate if necessary
- Submit a PSLF Form
- File a complaint if you experience any issues

Questions?

Additional Resources



- For more information on PSLF:
[Forgivemystudentdebt.org](https://forgivemystudentdebt.org)
- For more information on your loans:
[Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
[Studentaid.gov/help-center/contact](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact)
- Contact pslf@protectborrowers.org with questions
- Contact NC Department of Justice:
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