

lender with a written statement explaining the return of the funds.

(i) For purposes of paragraph (h) of this section, funds obtained from any Federal College Work-Study employment that do not exceed the borrower's financial need by more than \$300 may not be considered as excess loan proceeds.

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§ 682.605 Determining the date of a student's withdrawal.

(a) Except in the case of a student who does not return for the next scheduled term following a summer break, which includes any summer term or terms in which classes are offered but students are not generally required to attend, a school must follow the procedures in § 668.22(b) or (c), as applicable, for determining the student's date of withdrawal. In the case of a student who does not return from a summer break, the school must follow the procedures in § 668.22(b) or (c), as applicable, except that the school shall determine the student's withdrawal date no later than 30 days after the first day of the next scheduled term.

(b) The school must use the withdrawal date determined under § 668.22(b) or (c), as applicable for the purpose of reporting to the lender the date that the student has withdrawn from the school.

(c) For the purpose of a school's reporting to a lender, a student's withdrawal date is the month, day and year of the withdrawal date.

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§ 682.606 [Reserved]

§ 682.607 Payment of a refund or a return of title IV, HEA program funds to a lender upon a student's withdrawal.

(a) *General.* By applying for a FFEL loan, a borrower authorizes the school to pay directly to the lender that portion of a refund or return of title IV, HEA program funds from the school that is allocable to the loan upon the borrower's withdrawal. A school—

(1) Must pay that portion of the student's refund or return of title IV, HEA program funds that is allocable to a FFEL loan to—

(i) The original lender; or

(ii) A subsequent holder, if the loan has been transferred and the school knows the new holder's identity; and

(2) Must provide simultaneous written notice to the borrower if the school makes a payment of a refund or a return of title IV, HEA program funds to a lender on behalf of that student.

(b) *Allocation of a refund or returned title IV, HEA program funds.* In determining the portion of a refund or the return of title IV, HEA program funds upon a student's withdrawal for an academic period that is allocable to a FFEL loan received by the borrower for that academic period, the school must follow the procedures established in part 668 for allocating a refund or return of title IV, HEA program funds.

(c) *Timely payment.* A school must pay a refund or a return of title IV, HEA program funds that is due in accordance with the timeframe in § 668.22(j).

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[64 FR 59043, Nov. 1, 1999]

§ 682.608 Termination of a school's lending eligibility.

(a) *General.* The Secretary may terminate a school's eligibility to make loans under this part if the school reaches the 15 percent limit on loan defaults described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *The 15 percent limit.* (1) The Secretary may terminate a school's eligibility to make loans if at the end of each of the 2 most recent consecutive Federal fiscal years for which data are

available, the total amount of loans described in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section is equal to or greater than 15 percent of the total amount of loans described in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section as follows:

(i) The original principal amount of all loans the school has ever made that went into default during that period.

(ii) The original principal amount of all loans the school has ever made, including loans in deferment status that—

(A) Were in repayment status at the beginning of that period; or

(B) Entered repayment status during that period.

(2) In making the determination under this section, the Secretary considers the status of all FFEL loans made by the school whether the loans are held by the school or by a subsequent holder.

(c) *Exception based on hardship.* The Secretary does not terminate a school's lending eligibility under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section if the Secretary determines that the termination would result in a hardship for the school or its students. The Secretary makes this determination if the school shows that—

(1) Termination is not justified in light of recent improvements the school has made in its collection capabilities that will reduce the school's loan default rate significantly within the next year. Examples of these improvements include—

(i) Adopting more efficient collection procedures; or

(ii) Employing increased collection staff; or

(2) Termination would cause a substantial hardship to the school's current or prospective students or their parents based on—

(i) The extent to which the school provides, and expects to continue to provide educational opportunities to economically disadvantaged students as measured by the percentage of students enrolled at the school who—

(A) Are in families that fall within the "low-income family" category used by the Bureau of the Census;

(B) Would not be able to enroll or continue their enrollment at that

school without a loan from the school; and

(C) Would not be able to obtain a comparable education at another school;

(ii) The extent to which the school offers educational programs that—

(A) Are unique in the geographical area that the school serves; and

(B) Would not be available to some students if they or their parents could not obtain loans from the school; and

(iii) The quality of improvements the school has made in its—

(A) Management of student financial assistance programs; and

(B) Conformance with sound business practices.

(d) *Termination procedures.* (1) The Secretary notifies the school of the proposed termination of its lending eligibility and provides an opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary terminates the school under this section.

(2) The Secretary or his designee begins a termination action by sending a notice to the school. The notice is sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. The notice—

(i) Informs the school of the intent to terminate the school's lending eligibility because of the school's default experience;

(ii) Specifies the proposed date the termination becomes effective; and

(iii) Informs the school that it has 15 days to—

(A) Submit any written material it wants considered in determining whether its lending eligibility should be terminated under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, including written material in support of a hardship exception under paragraph (c) of this section; or

(B) Request an oral hearing to show why the school's lending eligibility should not be terminated.

(3) If the school does not request an oral hearing but submits written material, the Secretary or the designated official considers that material and notifies the school as to whether the termination action will be taken.

(4) The Secretary or the designated official (presiding officer) schedules the date and place of a hearing for a school that has requested an oral hearing. The date of the hearing is at least 15 days

from the date of receipt of the request. A presiding officer—

- (i) Conducts the hearing;
- (ii) Considers all written material presented before the hearing and any other material presented during the hearing; and
- (iii) Determines if termination of the school's lending eligibility is warranted.

(5) The decision of the designated official is subject to review by the Secretary.

(e) *Effects of termination.* A school that has its lending eligibility terminated under this section may not—

- (1) Make further loans under this part until it has entered into a new guarantee agreement with the Secretary; or
- (2) Enter into a new guarantee agreement with the Secretary until at least one year after the school's lending eligibility has been terminated under this section.

(f) *Schools under the same ownership.* If a school makes loans to students or parents of students in attendance at other schools under the same ownership, the Secretary may make the determination required by this section by—

- (1) Treating all of the schools as one school; or
- (2) Treating each school on an individual basis.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1077, 1078, 1078-1, 1078-2, 1082, 1085)

§ 682.609 Remedial actions.

(a) The Secretary may require a school to repay funds paid to other program participants by the Secretary. The Secretary also may require a school to purchase from the holder of a FFEL loan that portion of the loan that is unenforceable, that the borrower was ineligible to receive, or for which the borrower was ineligible to receive interest benefits contrary to the school's certification, and to make arrangements acceptable to the Secretary for reimbursement of the amounts the Secretary will be obligated to pay to program participants respecting that loan in the future. The repayment of funds and purchase of loans may be required if the Secretary determines that the payment to pro-

gram participants, the unenforceability of the loan, or the disbursement of loan amounts for which the borrower was ineligible or for which the borrower was ineligible for interest benefits, resulted in whole or in part from—

- (1) The school's violation of a Federal statute or regulation; or
- (2) The school's negligent or willful false certification.

(b) In requiring a school to repay funds to the Secretary or to another party or to purchase loans from a holder in connection with an audit or program review, the Secretary follows the procedures described in 34 CFR part 668, subpart H.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary may waive the right to require repayment of funds or repurchase of loans by a school if, in the Secretary's judgment, the best interest of the United States so requires.

(d) The Secretary may impose a fine or take an emergency action against a school or limit, suspend, or terminate a school's participation in the FFEL programs, in accordance with 34 CFR part 668, subpart G.

(e) A school shall comply with any emergency action, limitation, suspension, or termination imposed by a guaranty agency in accordance with the agency's standards and procedures. A school shall repay funds to the Secretary or other party or purchase loans from a holder if a guaranty agency determines that the school improperly received or retained the funds in violation of a Federal law or regulation or a guaranty agency rule or regulation.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1077, 1078, 1078-1, 1078-2, 1082, 1094)

§ 682.610 Administrative and fiscal requirements for participating schools.

- (a) *General.* Each school shall—
 - (1) Establish and maintain proper administrative and fiscal procedures and all necessary records as set forth in the regulations in this part and in 34 CFR part 668;
 - (2) Follow the record retention and examination provisions in this part and in 34 CFR 668.24; and
 - (3) Submit all reports required by this part and 34 CFR part 668 to the Secretary.