

**Default Prevention Plan Submission Overview**  
**For Schools with 3-Year Cohort Default Rate 30% or Greater**  
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**Background**

Under Section 435(a)(7) of the HEA, an institution that has a 3-Year Cohort Default Rate of 30 percent or greater for any one federal fiscal year is required to establish a Default Prevention Task Force to reduce defaults and prevent the loss of institutional eligibility.

**Preparing a Default Prevention Plan**

The HEA's implementing regulations at 34 CFR 668.217 require that a school's Default Prevention Task Force create a program of default prevention and submit a written Default Prevention Plan to the Department of Education (the Department).

A school's Default Prevention Plan must:

- Identify the factors causing the default rate to exceed the threshold
- Establish measureable objectives and the steps the institution will take to improve its cohort default rate
- Specify the actions the institution will take to improve student loan repayment

**Plan Submission Deadline and Assistance**

Default Prevention Plans should be submitted to the Department by November 30, 2012 via e-mail to [defaultpreventionassistance@ed.gov](mailto:defaultpreventionassistance@ed.gov).

If a school would like assistance in developing or reviewing its Default Prevention Plan, it may send an e-mail request to [defaultpreventionassistance@ed.gov](mailto:defaultpreventionassistance@ed.gov) that includes the name, phone number, and e-mail address of a contact person at the school.

Additionally, we encourage schools to visit our [Default Prevention Resource Information page](#) on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web site. This page consolidates delinquency and default prevention resources in one location.