

(2) Direct awards to foreign governments or public international organizations, or transactions with foreign governments or foreign governmental entities, public international organizations, foreign government owned (in whole or in part) or controlled entities, and entities consisting wholly or partially of foreign governments or foreign governmental entities;

(3) Benefits to an individual as a personal entitlement without regard to the individual's present responsibility (but benefits received in an individual's business capacity are not excepted);

(4) Federal employment;

(5) Transactions pursuant to national or agency-recognized emergencies or disasters;

(6) Incidental benefits derived from ordinary governmental operations; and

(7) Other transactions where the application of these regulations would be prohibited by law.

(Authority: E.O.s 12549 and 12689; 20 U.S.C. 1082, 1094, 1221e-3 and 3474; and sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103-355, 108 Stat. 3243 at 3327)

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**§ 85.201 Treatment of title IV, HEA participation.**

(a)(1) The debarment of an educational institution, lender, or third party servicer under E.O. 12549 by an agency other than the Department pursuant to procedures described in paragraph (c) of this section terminates the eligibility of the entity to enter into transactions under any student financial assistance program authorized by title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, for the duration of the debarment.

(2)(i) The suspension of an educational institution, lender, or servicer under E.O. 12549 or pursuant to a proposed debarment under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, by an agency other than the Department under procedures described in paragraph (c) of this section suspends the eligibility of the entity to enter into transactions under any student financial assistance program authorized by title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(ii) The suspension of title IV eligibility as a result of a suspension de-

scribed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section lasts for a period of 60 days, beginning on the later of the date of the decision of the suspending official of the other agency in response to an objection to the suspension or, if no objection to that suspension was raised, on the 35th day after the notice of suspension was issued by that agency. The suspension described here does not expire on the 60th day if the suspended entity and the Secretary agree to an extension or if the Secretary initiates a limitation or termination proceeding against the entity under 34 CFR part 668, subpart G, or part 682, subpart G, as applicable, prior to the 60th day.

(3) A transaction under a title IV, HEA program includes—

(i) The disbursement or delivery of funds provided under a title IV, HEA program to a student or borrower;

(ii) The certification by an educational institution of eligibility for a loan under a title IV, HEA program;

(iii) The acquisition of a loan made under a title IV, HEA program; and

(iv) The acquisition of any servicing responsibility for a grant, loan, or work study assistance under a title IV, HEA program.

(b)(1) The Secretary notifies the institution, lender, or servicer that has been debarred or suspended by another Federal agency whether the debarment or suspension takes effect in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section and states the effective date and duration of that action.

(2)(i) If the Secretary proposes to give effect to a suspension or debarment against an educational institution, lender, or third-party servicer that does not meet the standards in paragraph (c) of this section, the Secretary initiates a debarment or suspension proceeding under § 85.316 or § 85.414, respectively, against that entity.

(ii) The effective date of a debarment or suspension that takes effect under paragraph (a) of this section shall be 20 days after the date the notice is mailed. The Secretary gives effect to a suspension described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section only after the suspending official of the other agency has issued a decision in response to an objection to the suspension or, if no objection to that suspension was raised,

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on the 35th day after the notice of suspension was issued by that agency. The suspension lasts for a period of 60 days, beginning on the effective date specified in the notice, unless the suspended entity and the Secretary agree to an extension or the Secretary initiates a limitation or termination proceeding against the entity under 34 CFR part 668, subpart G, or part 682, subpart G, as applicable, prior to the 60th day.

(3) If an institution, lender, or a third party servicer is suspended by ED or another Federal agency, the Secretary determines whether grounds exist for the initiation of an emergency action against the entity under 34 CFR part 668, subpart G, or part 682, subpart G, as applicable.

(c) An institution, lender, or third-party servicer that is debarred or suspended by another agency, or proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4 by another Federal agency, is debarred, terminated or suspended, as provided under this part, 34 CFR part 668, and 34 CFR part 682, as applicable, if that agency took this action under procedures that afforded the excluded party the following:

(1) Notice of the proposed action;

(2) An opportunity to submit and have considered evidence and argument in opposition to the proposed action;

(3) An opportunity to obtain a hearing on its objection—

(i) At which the agency bears the burden of persuasion, by a preponderance of the evidence;

(ii) Conducted by an impartial person who does not also exercise prosecutorial or investigative responsibilities with respect to that action;

(iii) At which the entity may, unless the hearing official determines that no genuine dispute of material fact exists, present testimony and secure the attendance of those agency witnesses with personal knowledge of material facts whose testimony the hearing official determines to be needed, in light of other available evidence and witnesses; and

(iv) Of which a transcribed record is available upon request; and

(4) A written decision stating findings of fact and conclusions of law on which the decision is rendered.

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(d) The title IV, HEA programs are those programs listed in 34 CFR 668.1(c).

(Authority: E.O.s 12549 and 12689; 20 U.S.C. 1082, 1094, 1221e–3 and 3474; and Sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3243 at 3327)

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### § 85.205 Ineligible persons.

Persons who are ineligible, as defined in § 85.105(i), are excluded in accordance with the applicable statutory, executive order, or regulatory authority.

(Authority: E.O.s 12549 and 12689; 20 U.S.C. 1082, 1094, 1221e–3 and 3474; and Sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3243 at 3327)

### § 85.210 Voluntary exclusion.

Persons who accept voluntary exclusions under § 85.315 are excluded in accordance with the terms of their settlements. ED shall, and participants may, contact the original action agency to ascertain the extent of the exclusion.

(Authority: E.O.s 12549 and 12689; 20 U.S.C. 1082, 1094, 1221e–3 and 3474; and Sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3243 at 3327)

### § 85.215 Exception provision.

ED may grant an exception permitting a debarred, suspended, or voluntarily excluded person, or a person proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, to participate in a particular covered transaction upon a written determination by the agency head or an authorized designee stating the reason(s) for deviating from the Presidential policy established by Executive Order 12549 and § 85.200. However, in accordance with the President's stated intention in the Executive Order, exceptions shall be granted only infrequently. Exceptions shall be reported in accordance with § 85.505(a).

(Authority: E.O.s 12549 and 12689; 20 U.S.C. 1221e–3 and 3474; Sec. 2455, Pub. L. 103–355, 108 Stat. 3243 at 3327)

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### § 85.220 Continuation of covered transactions.

(a) Notwithstanding the debarment, suspension, proposed debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, determination of ineligibility, or voluntary exclusion of any person by an agency and