

Public Health Service, HHS

§ 68a.8

Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau).

Withdrawal means a request by a participant, prior to the Program making payments on his or her behalf, for withdrawal from Program participation. A withdrawal is without penalty to the participant and without obligation to the Program.

§ 68a.3 Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply to the CR-LRP, an individual must be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States; hold a M.D., Ph.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., A.D.N./B.S.N., or equivalent degree; have, on his/her program eligibility date, qualified educational debt equal to or in excess of the debt threshold; and be an individual from a disadvantaged background.

§ 68a.4 Who is eligible to participate?

To be eligible to participate in the CR-LRP, an applicant must have the recommendation of the employing ICA Scientific Program Director, the concurrence of the employing ICA Director, and the approval of the CR-LRC. Since participation in the Program is contingent, in part, upon employment with NIH, a Program contract may not be awarded to an applicant until an employment commitment has been made by the employing ICA Personnel Department.

§ 68a.5 Who is ineligible to participate?

The following individuals are ineligible for CR-LRP participation:

(a) Persons who are not eligible applicants as specified under section 68a.3;

(b) Persons who owe an obligation of health professional service to the Federal Government, a State, or other entity, unless a deferral is granted for the length of his/her service obligation under the CR-LRP. The following are examples of programs which have a service obligation: Physicians Shortage Area Scholarship Program, National Research Service Award Program, Public Health Service Scholar-

ship, National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program, Armed Forces (Army, Navy, or Air Force) Professions Scholarship Program, Indian Health Service Scholarship Program, and the NIH AIDS Research Loan Repayment Program.

(c) Persons who are not NIH employees, such as Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) recipients, Visiting Fellows, National Research Service Award (NRSA) recipients, Guest Researchers or Special Volunteers, NIH-National Research Council (NRC) Biotechnology Research Associates Program participants, and Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) participants; or

(d) Persons who do not have clinical privileges.

§ 68a.6 How do individuals apply to participate in the CR-LRP?

An application for participation in the CR-LRP shall be submitted to the NIH office which is responsible for the Program's administration, in such form and manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

§ 68a.7 How are applicants selected to participate in the CR-LRP?

To be selected for participation in the CR-LRP, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

(a) Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements specified in § 68a.3 and § 68a.4.

(b) Applicants must not be ineligible for participation as specified in § 68a.5.

(c) Applicants must be selected for approval by the CR-LRC, based upon a review of their applications.

§ 68a.8 What does the CR-LRP provide to participants?

(a) Loan repayments: For each year of service the individual agrees to serve, with a minimum of 2 years of obligated service, the Secretary may pay up to \$20,000 per year of a participant's repayable debt.

(b) Under § 68a.8(a), the Secretary will make payments in the discharge of debt to the extent appropriated funds are available for these purposes.