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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 668.1 Scope.**

(a) This part establishes general rules that apply to an institution that participates in any student financial assistance program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA program). To the extent that an institution contracts with a third-party servicer to administer any aspect of the institution's participation in any Title IV, HEA program, the applicable rules in this part also apply to that servicer. An institution's use of a third-party servicer does not alter the institution's responsibility for compliance with the rules in this part.

- (b) As used in this part, an "institution" includes—
  - (1) An institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.4;
  - (2) A proprietary institution of higher education as defined in 34 CFR 600.5; and
  - (3) A postsecondary vocational institution as defined in 34 CFR 600.6.
- (c) The Title IV, HEA programs include—
  - (1) The Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 690);
  - (2) The National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a-21 *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 693);
  - (3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070b *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 676);
  - (4) The Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070c *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 692);
  - (5) The Federal Stafford Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071 *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 682);
  - (6) The Federal PLUS Program (20 U.S.C. 1078-2; 34 CFR part 682);
  - (7) The Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1078-3; 34 CFR part 682);
  - (8) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (42 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 675);
  - (9) The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program (20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*; 34 CFR part 685); and

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(10) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa *et seq.*; 34 CFR parts 673 and 674).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070 *et seq.*)

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### § 668.2 General definitions.

(a) The following definitions are contained in the regulations for Institutional Eligibility under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR part 600:

Accredited  
Award year  
Branch campus  
Clock hour  
Correspondence course  
Educational program  
Eligible institution  
Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) programs  
Incarcerated student  
Institution of higher education  
Legally authorized  
Nationally recognized accrediting agency  
Nonprofit institution  
One-year training program  
Postsecondary vocational institution  
Preaccredited  
Proprietary institution of higher education  
Recognized equivalent of a high school diploma  
Recognized occupation  
Regular student  
Secretary  
State  
Telecommunications course

(b) The following definitions apply to all Title IV, HEA programs:

*Campus-based programs:* (1) The Federal Perkins Loan Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 674);

(2) The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 675); and

(3) The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program (34 CFR parts 673 and 676).

*Defense loan:* A loan made before July 1, 1972, under Title II of the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 421–429)

*Dependent student:* Any student who does not qualify as an independent student (see *Independent student*).

*Designated department official:* An official of the Department of Education to

whom the Secretary has delegated responsibilities indicated in this part.

*Direct Loan Program loan:* A loan made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*)

*Direct PLUS Loan:* A loan made under the Federal Direct PLUS Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1078-2 and 1087a *et seq.*)

*Direct Subsidized Loan:* A loan made under the Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1071 and 1087a *et seq.*)

*Direct Unsubsidized Loan:* A loan made under the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087a *et seq.*)

*Enrolled:* The status of a student who—

(1) Has completed the registration requirements (except for the payment of tuition and fees) at the institution that he or she is attending; or

(2) Has been admitted into an educational program offered predominantly by correspondence and has submitted one lesson, completed by him or her after acceptance for enrollment and without the help of a representative of the institution.

*Federal Consolidation Loan program:* The loan program authorized by Title IV–B, section 428C, of the HEA that encourages the making of loans to borrowers for the purpose of consolidating their repayment obligations, with respect to loans received by those borrowers, under the Federal Insured Student Loan (FISL) Program as defined in 34 CFR part 682, the Federal Stafford Loan, Federal PLUS (as in effect before October 17, 1986), Federal Consolidation Loan, Federal SLS, ALAS (as in effect before October 17, 1986), Federal Direct Student Loan, and Federal Perkins Loan programs, and under the Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL) Program authorized by subpart II of part C of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act, for parent Federal PLUS borrowers whose loans were made after