
You are eligible to receive Federal Perkins Loan funds under the Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act of 2015. Absent Congressional action to reauthorize the Federal Perkins Loan Program, the program will expire on 9/30/2017. The cumulative total of your Federal Perkins Loan advances are subject to the following terms and conditions of the Extension Act.

1. The Extension Act of 2015
   The Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act of 2015 was signed into law on December 18, 2015. The extension Act authorizes institutions of higher education to award new Perkins Loans to eligible students through September 30, 2017.

2. Use of Loan Funds
   You may only use your loan funds to pay educational expenses at the institution that certified your loan eligibility. If you accept this loan, your eligibility for other student assistance may be affected.

3. Loan Limits
   To be eligible to receive a Perkins Loan, you must have been awarded the maximum annual Direct Subsidized Loan aid and in certain cases the maximum annual Direct Unsubsidized Loan aid, borrowing limits for which you are eligible.
   The annual maximum Perkins loan an eligible undergraduate student may borrow is $5,500 and an eligible graduate student may borrow up to $8,000. The aggregate unpaid principal amount received by an undergraduate student may not exceed $27,500 and $60,000 for a graduate student. All other students may not exceed $11,000.

4. Enrollment Status
   If you do not maintain an enrollment status of at least half-time or more, your loan will move into repayment after any applicable 9-month grace period.

5. Repayment
   Repayment and accrual of interest at an annual rate of 5% will begin following the expiration of your grace period.
In general, you promise to repay the full loan amount with all interest and fees within ten (10) years. The minimum monthly repayment of this loan is $40.00. You may prepay this loan, make loan payments before they are required, or in amounts that are greater than required, at any time without penalty. A Department of Defense repayment program may be available for specified military service.

6. **Credit Bureau Notification**
   Your loan will be reported to one or more national credit bureaus on a monthly basis.

7. **Default**
   Your loan may be considered in default if terms and conditions of the loan note are not followed. Defaulted loans may be subject to late fees, acceleration calling the full balance due and payable, referred to a collection agency, and litigation.

8. **Collection Fees**
   A late payment fee may be charged for each individual scheduled payment that is missed. If a delinquent account is referred to a collection agency or attorney for litigation, you will be responsible to repay 100% of the cost to collect the loan including collection and litigation costs. This may include a percentage based collection fee system.

9. **Consolidation and Repayment and Forgiveness Options**
   A Perkins Loan may be consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). Please consider that consolidation offers advantages and disadvantages.

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10. **Cancellation**
    You may be entitled to have up to 100% of the original principal loan amount forgiven on your Perkins loan if you perform qualifying service in an eligible profession such as teaching, early intervention, law enforcement or corrections, nurse or medical technician, child or family service, attorney in a defender organization, firefighter, Tribal or University faculty, librarian, speech-language pathologist, service in an early childhood education program, military, and volunteer service. Refer to your Federal Perkins MPN or Perkins Borrower’s Guide at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov) for eligibility and details.

    For Direct loans, you may be entitled to repayment and forgiveness benefits that are not applicable to Perkins loans including, but not limited to, false certification of student eligibility, unauthorized payment discharge, unpaid refund discharge, teacher loan forgiveness, public service loan forgiveness, and borrower defense discharge. Refer to the Direct Loan Guide at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov) for eligibility and details.
11. **Federal Loan Interest Rate Comparison**

**Subsidized:** The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on a Direct Subsidized Loan while you are in-school at least half time, during your 6 month grace period, and during periods of deferment. Direct Subsidized Loans are available to undergraduate students with financial need. Your school determines the amount you can borrow based on the year you are in school and whether you are a dependent or independent student.

   **Direct Subsidized Loan Interest Rate:** 4.29% fixed (Undergraduate student)

**Unsubsidized:** Direct Unsubsidized Loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students, having no requirement to demonstrate financial need. You are responsible for paying the interest on an unsubsidized loan during all periods. If you do not pay the interest while you are in school, during grace periods, and during periods of deferment or forbearance, your interest will accumulate and can be added to the principal amount of your loan. Your school determines the amount that you can borrow based on your cost of attendance and other financial aid you receive.

   **Direct Subsidized Loan Interest Rate:**
   - 2015-2016 Interest Rate
     - 4.29% fixed (Undergraduate student)
   - 2016-2017 Interest Rate
     - 3.76% fixed (Undergraduate student)

   **Direct Unsubsidized Loan Interest Rate:**
   - 2015-2016 Interest Rate
     - 4.29% fixed (Undergraduate student)
     - 5.84% fixed (Graduate or Professional student)
   - 2016-2017 Interest Rate
     - 3.76% fixed (Undergraduate student)
     - 5.31% fixed (Graduate or Professional student)