



Top takeaways from recent Federal updates:

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- **Update to List of Professional Degree Programs Due to Court Order:** Following a federal court injunction, the Department of Education issued interim administrative designations for reporting Title IV loan data. This temporary list specifies which Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes count as professional versus graduate degrees for determining statutory student loan limits.
- **One Big Beautiful Bill Act NSLDS Professional Access Updates (July 2026):** Federal Student Aid released final rules for Workforce Pell alongside a new accountability framework, STATS, replacing old FVT/GE regulations. This update outlines upcoming system changes to NSLDS.
- **NSLDS Reaffirmation User Guide (June 2026) & 2026–27 FAFSA Specifications Guide (June 2026 Update):** The Department of Education posted the updated NSLDS Reaffirmation User Guide to help users manage loan limit resolutions, alongside technical updates to multiple volumes of the 2026–27 FAFSA Specifications Guide for institutional system integration.
- **2026–2027 Federal Student Aid Handbook – Volumes 4 and 5 Now Available:** The Department of Education has officially published Volumes 4 and 5 of the 2026–2027 FSA Handbook. Volume 4 details fund management and disbursements, while Volume 5 covers rules for student withdrawals and the return of Title IV aid funds.
- **One Big Beautiful Bill Act Information:** As a general reminder, key regulatory changes impacting 2026–27 aid awarding and disbursements are now taking effect under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Complete implementation resources, guidance updates, and training materials are available on FSA Partners, or you can contact us directly with questions.

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