

Supplemental Exit Interview Information

Average Loan Indebtedness

In 11-12 HCC awarded 1878 students loans totaling 9,505,719 resulting in an average loan debt of \$5,062.00. These numbers are as of 4-19-12.

Direct Consolidation Loan – A debt Management Tool

It is important for you to be aware that the loans you have taken out under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program will always be owned by the Federal government and serviced by the Direct Loan Servicer. You will never have to worry about your loan being sold, the address of the servicer changing or any other such problems. Additionally, if you want to avoid similar problems with any loans taken out previous to your Direct Loans, you can consolidate all of your loans into the Direct Loan program.

www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov/

With only one lender to deal with and one monthly bill, you will find it easier than ever to manage your education debt. That's not all! Borrowers may lock-in a lower interest rate and /or benefit from an interest rate discount. Below, we discuss these and other advantages of a Direct Consolidation Loan. Just remember, borrowers are not excluded based on the size of their loan debt, and consolidation is FREE!

Lower Interest Rate

Students who consolidate their loans while during their grace period may receive a lower interest rate. This saves you money!

Student borrowers who consolidate loans while in school receive a six-month grace period on ALL loans being consolidated.

Electric debiting is a convenient way for borrowers to make their monthly loan payment. All borrowers who repay their student loans using electronic debiting receive a one quarter of one percentage point discount.

Weighted Average Interest Rate

The interest rate is the weighted average of the interest rates for all loans being consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent. This rate will not exceed 8.25%. To calculate your weighted average interest rate, use the interactive calculator at www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov

Flexible Repayment Options

Borrowers can choose from four different plans to repay their Direct Consolidation Loan, including an Income Contingent Repayment Plan. These plans are designed to be flexible to meet the different and changing needs of borrowers. With a Direct Consolidation Loan, borrowers can switch repayment plans at anytime.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for Direct Consolidation Loans, borrowers must have at least one Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan that is in grace, repayment, deferment, or default status. Loans that are in a in-sch9ol status cannot be included in a Direct Consolidation Loan.

Borrowers can consolidate most defaulted FFEL and Direct Loan Program loans, if they make satisfactory repayment arrangements with their current loan holder(s) or agree to repay their new Direct Consolidation Loan under the Income Contingent Repayment Plan.

Borrowers who do not have Direct Loans may be eligible for a Direct Consolidation Loan if they include at least one FFEL Loan and have been unable to obtain a Federal Consolidation Loan with a FFEL consolidation lender or have been unable to obtain a Federal Consolidation Loan with income –sensitive repayment terms acceptable to them.

Got Questions?

If you have questions or need additional information, contact the Direct Consolidation Loan folks at www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov

Phone 1-800-557-7392

E-mail: loan_consolidation@mail.ed.gov

Mail:

U.S. Department of Education

Consolidation Department

Loan Origination Center

P.O. Box 1723

Montgomery, AL 36102-1723

Features of the Direct Loan Web Site at:

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan>

Some of the information on this site can be accessed simply by entering a social security number, birth date, and zip code; other parts require a PIN.

An Interactive Budgeting Worksheet and Calculator allows a student to estimate financial needs and create a budget for school and living expenses. This calculator lists most of the critical items (for instance, tuition, books, scholarships, and family contributions) to help students consider all expenses and resources. After completing all or the appropriate entry fields, the student clicks, "calculate" and total resources, expenses, and balance are computed for the academic year.

The Monthly Repayment Calculator allows a borrower to compare the initial monthly payments he or she would make under each of the four Direct Loan repayment plans. The borrower identifies the amount borrowed, clicks on "calculate" and the program provides 3 estimated initial monthly payment for each of the Direct Loan repayment options: standard, extended, graduated, or income dependent.

Loans and Grants previously paid to students

To check on the studs of loans and grants you previously received go to:

www.nsls.ed.gov or call 1-800-4FED-AID

*Note: Students will need to obtain a PIN to access specific data.

See www.pin.ed.gov to obtain a PIN number.

Student Loan Ombudsman

If you encounter any problems with your loan, which cannot be resolved via the normal administrative methods, you need to be aware of the availability of the Student Loan Ombudsman's office. This is an office that has been created specifically for the purpose of helping you with loan problems. It is not the first place that you should contact if you have a problem. Instead, you should contact the appropriate office that would normally deal with your particular problem. But, if you cannot resolve the problem, the ombudsman might be able to help you. Here is how you contact the Student Loan Ombudsman:

Internet: <http://ombudsman.ed.gov>

Toll Free Telephone: 1-877-557-2575

Mail: Office of the Ombudsman

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4th Floor UCP-3MS 5144

Washington, DC 20201-5144

Internet: fsahelp.ed.gov or ombudsman.ed.gov