

Federal Perkins Loan Borrower Rights and Responsibilities

For more detailed information, review your Federal Perkins Loan promissory note or contact the holder of your loan.

- You have the right to cancel all or part of your Federal Perkins Loan.
- You have the right to receive a statement of account upon request.
- You have the right to prepay all or a part of your loan without penalty.
- If you graduate or leave school, or if your enrollment drops below half time, you have the right to a nine-month grace period before beginning repayment of your Federal Perkins Loan.
- You have the right to defer payments on your Federal Perkins Loan if you are attending an eligible postsecondary school as at least a half-time student, and in some cases if you are;
 - Participating in a rehabilitation training program;
 - Enrolled and attending graduate school;
 - Participating in an internship or residency program in dentistry;
 - Seeking but unable to find full-time employment;
 - Experiencing economic hardship;
 - Serving in the Peace Corps;
 - Receiving payment from a federal or state public assistance program;
 - Performing qualifying military service, or
 - Repaying federal education loans that exceed or for which the payments exceed certain specified amounts.

If your Federal Perkins Loan is placed in deferment, you will not have to make payments, and interest will not accrue.

You have the right to forbearance under certain health-related or financial circumstances. You also have the right to have part or all of your loan cancelled for:

- Death or total permanent disability;
- Full-time employment in the Head Start Program or full-time staff member in a child care or pre-kindergarten program;
- Full-time employment as a teacher in an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency serving low-income students;
- Full-time teaching as a special education teacher;
- Full-time teaching of certain academic subjects in which there are teacher shortages;
- Full-time employment as a nurse or medical technician;
- Full-time employment in a public or nonprofit child or family service agency;
- Full-time service as a qualified professional provider of early interventions services;
- Full-time employment as a law enforcement or corrections officer or firefighter;
- Military service in a hostile fire/imminent danger area;
- Full-time employment as a librarian with a master's degree or speech language pathologist with a master's degree;
- Full-time employment as a faculty member in a tribal college; or
- Full-time employment as a federal public defender or federal community defender.

You are responsible for using the proceeds of your Federal Perkins Loan only to pay authorized educational expenses.

You are responsible for repaying the full amount of your Federal Perkins Loan even if you:

- Do not complete the program;
- Are unable to obtain employment upon completion; or
- Are dissatisfied with the program or other services you purchased from the school.

Repayment begins the day after your nine-month grace period ends.

You are responsible for notifying the financial aid office if you:

- Change your local address, permanent address or telephone number;
- Change your name
- Do not enroll at least half time for the loan period certified by the school;
- Do not enroll at the school that determined you were eligible to receive the loan;
- Stop attending school or drop below half-time enrollment;
- Transfer from one school to another school; or
- Graduate.

You are also responsible for notifying the financial aid office if you:

- Change your employer, or your employer's address or telephone number changes, or
- Have any other change in state that would affect your loan (for example, if you received a deferment while you were unemployed but you have found a job and therefore no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the deferment).

You are responsible for obtaining, completing, and returning to the school for processing any forms required to apply for forbearance, deferment, or cancellation of benefits.

You are responsible for notifying the school before the due date of any payment that you cannot remit.

You are responsible for making payments on time even if you do not receive a billing statement.