

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U. S. C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Director of the Information Resources Group publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: September 5, 1996.

Arthur F. Chantker,
Acting Director, Information Resources
Group.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, Loan Discharge Application Documents.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 3,000.

Burden Hours: 1,500.

Abstract: These forms will serve as the means of collecting the information that the Department of Education requires in order to determine whether a direct loan borrower qualifies for a loan discharge based on school closure, false certification of student eligibility, or unauthorized signature.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Student Aid Report (SAR).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 9,395,776.

Burden Hours: 3,882,726.

Abstract: The Student Aid Report is used to notify all applicants of their eligibility to receive Federal student aid for postsecondary education. The form is submitted by the applicant to the institution of their choice.

Office of Management

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) for grants, 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 76, and 80.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not for profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 36,000.

Burden Hours: 690,000.

Abstract: These collections are necessary for the award and administration of discretionary and formula grants. The collections specific to ED forms are part of the reinvented process ED uses for awarding multi-year discretionary grants. The new process substantially increases flexibility of the grant process by enabling all years of multi-year budgets to be negotiated in at the time of initial award, (ED Form 524), and to submit only performance report (ED Form 524-B) instead of an entire noncompeting continuation (NCC) package to receive NCC funding. This clearance also includes government-wide common rules for Institutions of Higher Education, Non-Profits (A-110), and State and Local Governments (A-102).

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National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, Education.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATE AND TIME: September 26, 1996, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; September 27, 1996, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: First Floor Conference Room, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Christensen, Designated Federal Official, National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20208-7564. Telephone: (202) 219-2065; Fax: (202) 219-1528. Internet: John Christensen@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board is authorized by Section 921 of the Educational Research, Development, Dissemination, and Improvement Act of 1994 (the Act). The Board works collaboratively with the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (the Office) to forge a national consensus with respect to a long-term agenda for educational research, development, and dissemination, and to provide advice and assistance to the Assistant Secretary in administering the duties of the Office. The Act directs the Board to provide guidance to the Congress in its oversight of the Office; to advise the United States on the Federal educational research and development effort; and to solicit advice from practitioners, policymakers, and researchers to define research needs and suggestions for research topics. The meeting of the Board is open to the public.

The agenda for September 26 will center on the Board's by-laws and budget for FY 97 and its review and approval of a long-term Educational Research Priorities Plan. On September 27, the Board will give further consideration to the implementation of the Research Priorities Plan, and to Phase Three of the Standards for the Conduct and Evaluation of Research, Assessing Performance on Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements. A

final agenda will be available from the Board's office on September 19.

Records are kept of all Board proceedings, and are available for public inspection at the office of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board, 80 F St., NW Washington, D.C. 20208-7564.

Dated: September 5, 1996.

Eve M. Bither,

Executive Director.

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Office of Postsecondary Education; Federal Work-Study Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of the closing date for institutions to submit a request for a waiver of the requirement that an institution shall use at least 5 percent of the total amount of its Federal Work-Study (FWS) Federal funds granted for the 1996-97 award year to compensate students employed in community service jobs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to submit a written request for a waiver of the statutory requirement that an institution shall use at least 5 percent of its total FWS Federal funds granted for the 1996-97 award year (July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997) to compensate students employed in community service jobs.

DATES: Closing Date for submitting a Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents: October 18, 1996. An institution must mail or hand-deliver its waiver request and any supporting information or documents on or before October 18, 1996. The Department will not accept a waiver request submitted by facsimile transmission. The waiver request must be submitted to the Institutional Financial Management Division at one of the addresses indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Waiver Request and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Mail. The waiver request and any supporting information or documents delivered by mail must be addressed to Ms. JoAnn Pease, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781.

An applicant must show proof that the applicant mailed its waiver request by October 18, 1996. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of

mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If a waiver request is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service. An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail. Institutions that submit waiver requests and any supporting information or documents after the closing date will not be considered for a waiver.

Waiver Requests and any Supporting Information or Documents Delivered by Hand. A waiver request and any supporting information or documents delivered by hand must be taken to Ms. JoAnn Pease, Campus-Based Financial Operations Branch, Institutional Financial Management Division, Accounting and Financial Management Service, Student Financial Assistance Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Room 4714, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Hand-delivered waiver requests will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. A waiver request for the 1996-97 award year that is hand-delivered will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on October 18, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 443(b)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), an institution must use at least 5 percent of the total amount of its FWS Federal funds granted for an award year to compensate students employed in community service. The Secretary may waive this requirement if the Secretary determines that enforcing it would cause hardship for students at the institution. The institution must submit a written waiver request and any supporting information or documents by the established October 18, 1996 closing date.

The waiver request must be signed by an appropriate institutional official and above the signature the official must include the statement: "I certify that the information the institution provided in this waiver request is true and accurate

to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information is subject to audit and program review by representatives of the Secretary of Education." If the institution submits a waiver request and any supporting information or documents after October 18, 1996, the request will not be considered.

To receive a waiver, an institution must demonstrate that complying with the 5 percent requirement would cause hardship for students at the institution. To allow flexibility to consider factors that may be valid reasons for a waiver, the Secretary is not specifying the specific circumstances that would support granting a waiver. However, the Secretary does not foresee many instances in which a waiver will be granted. The fact that it may be difficult for the institution to comply with this provision of the HEA is not a basis for granting a waiver.

Applicable Regulations

The following regulations apply to the Federal Work-Study program:

- (1) Student Assistance General Provisions, 34 CFR Part 668.
- (2) Federal Work-Study Programs, 34 CFR Part 675.
- (3) Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 34 CFR Part 600.
- (4) New Restrictions on Lobbying, 34 CFR Part 82.
- (5) Government Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants), 34 CFR Part 85.
- (6) Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, 34 CFR Part 86.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive information, contact Ms. JoAnn Pease, Institutional Financial Management Division, U.S. Department of Education, P.O. Box 23781, Washington, D.C. 20026-0781. Telephone (202) 708-9797. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2753).

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David A. Longanecker,
Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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