

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program; Notice

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice—Computer matching between the Department of Education and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Department of Justice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-503, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, notice is hereby given of the computer matching program between the Department of Education (ED) (the recipient agency), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Department of Justice (the source agency).

Notice of the matching program was originally published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1995 (60 FR 15428); the program became effective on April 26, 1995. Duration was 18 months plus a one-year extension permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D)). The one-year extension will expire on October 26, 1997. The following notice represents the approval of a new agreement by the Department of Justice and Department of Education Data Integrity Boards to continue the matching program (on the effective date as indicated below).

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Guidance on Interpreting the Provisions of Pub. L. 100-503, Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988 (54 FR 25818, June 19, 1989), and OMB Bulletin 89-22, the following information is provided:

1. Name of Participating Agencies

The Department of Education (ED) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

2. Purpose of the Match

The matching program entitled "Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) INS/ED" will permit ED to confirm the immigration status of alien applicants for, or recipients of, assistance as authorized by Title IV, section 484(a)(5), of the

Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The Title IV programs include: the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work-Study, Federal Perkins Loan, State Student Incentive Grant, Federal Family Education Loan, and William D. Ford Direct Loan Programs.

3. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The information contained in the INS data base is referred to as the Alien Status Verification Index (ASVI), and is authorized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Pub. L. 99-603. ED seeks access to this data base under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (section 484(g)). The INS is authorized to confirm immigration status under authority of section 103 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

4. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered

The records to be used in the match and the roles of the matching participants are described as follows:

Through the use of user identification codes and passwords, authorized persons from ED will transmit electronically to INS data from its Privacy Act system of records entitled, "Federal Student Aid Application File (18-40-0014)." The data will include the alien registration number and date of birth of the alien applicant for, or recipient of, Title IV assistance. This action will initiate a search for corresponding data elements in an INS Privacy Act system of records entitled "Alien Status Verification Index (JUSTICE/INS-009)." Where there is a match of records, the system will provide to ED the immigration status code of the alien applicant or recipient. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(p), ED will verify any adverse finding (independently or through the alien applicant or recipient) and provide the alien applicant or recipient with 30 days notice and opportunity to contest such finding.

5. Effective Dates of the Matching Program

The matching program will become effective 40 days after a copy of the agreement, as approved by the Data Integrity Board of each agency, is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, or 30 days

after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months, if the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

6. Address for Receipt of Public Comments or Inquiries

Claude Denton, Program Specialist, Student Eligibility and Verification Section, Policy Development Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, (Room 3045, ROB-3), Washington, DC 20202, Telephone: (202) 708-8242. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTD) 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. Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternate format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed in the preceding paragraph.

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