

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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**Office of Postsecondary Education;
Availability of the Amendments to the
National Direct Student Loan and
Federal Perkins Loan Programs
Directory of Designated Low-Income
Schools for Teacher Cancellation
Benefits for the 1997-98 School Year****AGENCY:** Department of Education.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the amendments to the 1997-98 National Direct Student Loan and Federal Perkins Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools.**SUMMARY:** Institutions and borrowers participating in the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs and other interested persons are advised that they may obtain information regarding the amendments to the National Direct Student Loan and Federal Perkins Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the 1997-98 School Year (Directory). The amendments identify changes in the list of schools that qualify borrowers for teacher cancellation benefits under each of the loan programs.**DATES:** The amendments to the Directory are currently available.**ADDRESSES:** Information concerning specific schools listed in the amendments to the Directory may be obtained from Systems Administration Branch, Campus-Based Programs System Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. (Room 4051, ROB-3), Washington, D.C. 20202-5453, Telephone (202) 708-6726.

Information concerning deferment and/or cancellation of a National Direct Student Loan or Federal Perkins Loan may be obtained from Gail McLarnon or Sylvia Ross, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, Loans Branch, Policy Development Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S.

Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W. (Room 3045, ROB-3), Washington, D.C. 20202-5453, Telephone (202) 708-8242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Education published a notice in the **Federal Register** on January 26, 1998, (63 FR 3789) that the Directory was available. The Secretary has revised the Directory due to the opening and closing of schools, school name changes, and the need for other corrections. These revisions are listed in the amendments to the Directory.

The procedures for selecting the schools that qualify borrowers for cancellation benefits are described in the Federal Perkins Loan Program regulations at 34 CFR 674.53 and 674.54. The Secretary has determined that for the 1997-98 academic year full-time teaching in a school set forth in the Directory and the amendments to the Directory qualifies a borrower for cancellations benefits.

The Secretary is providing the amendments to the Directory to each institution participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Borrowers and other interested parties may check with their lending institutions, the appropriate State or territory educational agency, regional offices of the Department of Education, or the Office of Postsecondary Education of the Department of Education concerning the identity of qualifying schools for the 1997-98 academic year.

The Office of Postsecondary Education retains, on a permanent basis, copies of all published amendments and Directories.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The amendments to the Directory are available at (1) each institution of higher education participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, (2) each of the fifty-seven (57) State and territory educational agencies, (3) each of the major Federal Perkins Loan billing services, and (4) the Campus-Based Programs System Division of the U.S. Department of Education (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice).

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