

## Federal Register – January 2020

[Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs; 2020-21 Award Year Deadline Dates, 85 Federal Register 303, January 3, 2020](#)

**NOTICE:** The Secretary announces the 2020-21 award year deadline dates for the submission of requests and documents from postsecondary institutions for the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program, Federal Work-Study (FWS), and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) programs (collectively, the “Campus-Based programs”), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers 84.038, 84.033, and 84.007.

**DEADLINE DATES:** See Notice in Federal Register

[Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs, 85 Federal Register 277, January 3, 2020](#)

**PROPOSED RULE:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) seeks comment on actions to address national security threats to networks funded by the Universal Service Fund (USF or the Fund). The Commission concurrently adopted a Report and Order addressing the use of USF support to purchase or obtain any equipment or services produced or provided by a covered company posing a national security threat to the integrity of communications networks or the communications supply chain.

**COMMENTS DUE:** February 3, 2020

[Determination and Allocation of Initial Administrative Assessment To Fund Mechanical Licensing Collective \(Initial AA\), 85 Federal Register 831, January 8, 2020](#)

**FINAL RULE:** The Copyright Royalty Judges publish final regulations that set the amount and allocation of the Initial Administrative Assessment to fund the Mechanical Licensing Collective.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 8, 2020

[ED Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation, 85 Federal Register 2033, January 14, 2020](#)

**FINAL REGULATIONS:** The Department of Education (Department) issues these final regulations to adjust the Department's civil monetary penalties (CMPs) for inflation. This adjustment is required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (2015 Act), which amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Inflation Adjustment Act). These final regulations provide the 2020 annual inflation adjustments being made to the penalty amounts in the Department's final regulations published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2019 (2019 final rule). This rule was previously reported as RIN 1801-AA19.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 14, 2020

[FCC Modernizing Suspension and Debarment, 85 Federal Register 2078, January 14, 2020](#)

**PROPOSED RULE:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (the FCC or Commission) proposes to adopt new rules consistent with Office of Management and Budget Guidelines to Agencies on Government Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)(the Guidelines). The Commission proposes that such new rules be applied to transactions under the Universal Service Fund (USF) and Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) programs and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP). The Commission also proposes certain modifications to the Guidelines, including as appropriate transitional mechanisms for situations in which the

	<p>suspended or debarred entity may be the sole source for the service involved. The Commission proposes that any new rules for suspension and debarment be put into a new Part 16 in title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Guidelines provide additional tools—adopted by a number of other federal agencies across the government—that could enhance the Commission's ability to root out bad actors from participation in its support programs.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> February 13, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">2020 Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Mileage Reimbursement Rates; 2020 Standard Mileage Rate for Moving Purposes, 85 Federal Register 2135, January 14, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>NOTICE:</b> GSA is updating the mileage reimbursement rate for privately owned automobiles (POA), airplanes, and motorcycles as required by statute. This information will be available in FTR Bulletin 20-03, which can be found on GSA's website at <a href="https://gsa.gov/ftrbulletins">https://gsa.gov/ftrbulletins</a>.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATES:</b> This notice applies to travel and relocation performed on or after January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Joint Employer Status Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 85 Federal Register 2820, January 16, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL RULE:</b> The U.S. Department of Labor (the Department) is updating and revising the Department's interpretation of joint employer status under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA or Act) in order to promote certainty for employers and employees, reduce litigation, promote greater uniformity among court decisions, and encourage innovation in the economy.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> March 16, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Direct Grant Programs, State-Administered Formula Grant Programs, Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program, and Strengthening Institutions Program, 85 Federal Register 2820, January 17, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED RULE:</b> In response to the United States Supreme Court's decision in Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia, Inc. v. Comer (2017), the United States Attorney General's October 6, 2017 Memorandum on Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty, and Executive Order 13831 (Establishment of a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative), the Department proposes revising the current regulations regarding the eligibility of faith-based entities to participate in the Department's Direct Grant programs, State-Administered Formula Grant programs, and discretionary grant programs authorized under title III and V of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), and the eligibility of students to obtain certain benefits under those programs. Additionally, in response to E.O. 13864 (Improving Free Inquiry, Transparent, and Accountability at Colleges and Universities), the Department proposes to revise the current regulations to encourage institutions to foster environments that promote open, intellectually engaging, and diverse debate, including through compliance with the First Amendment for public institutions and compliance with stated institutional policies regarding freedom of speech, including academic freedom, for private institutions.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> February 18, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Guidance for Grants and Agreements, 85 Federal Register 3766, January 22, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED GUIDANCE:</b> The Office of Management and Budget is proposing to revise sections of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subtitle A-OMB Guidance for Grants and Agreements. The proposed revisions are limited in scope to support implementation of the President's Management</p>

	<p>Agenda, Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants Cross-Agency Priority Goal (Grants CAP Goal) and other Administration priorities; implementation of statutory requirements and alignment of 2 CFR with other authoritative source requirements; and clarifications of existing requirements in particular areas within 2 CFR. These proposed revisions are intended to reduce recipient burden, provide guidance on implementing new statutory requirements, and improve Federal financial assistance management, transparency, and oversight.</p> <p><b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> March 23, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">Modernizing Copyright Recordation, 85 Federal Register 3854, January 23, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>SUPPLEMENTAL INTERIM RULE:</b> The United States Copyright Office is issuing a supplemental interim rule amending its regulations governing recordation of transfers of copyright ownership, notices of termination, and other documents pertaining to a copyright. This rule supplements the Office's current interim recordation regulations in anticipation of the Office's forthcoming pilot program through which participating remitters will be able to record certain types of documents electronically online. The supplemental interim rule and pilot program are the next step in the recordation modernization process, which will lead to a full public release of the Office's electronic recordation system in the future.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> February 24, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">IRS Return Due Date and Extended Due Date Changes, 85 Federal Register 5323, January 30, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATIONS:</b> This document contains final regulations that update the due dates and available extensions of time to file certain tax returns and information returns. The dates are updated to reflect the statutory requirements set by section 2006 of the Surface Transportation and Veterans Health Care Choice Improvement Act of 2015 and section 201 of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015. Additionally, the regulations remove a provision for electing large partnerships that was made obsolete by section 1101(b)(1) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. These regulations affect taxpayers who file Form W-2 (series, except Form W-2G), Form W-3, Form 990 (series), Form 1099-MISC, Form 1041, Form 1041-A, Form 1065, Form 1065-B, Form 1120 (series), Form 4720, Form 5227, Form 6069, Form 8804, or Form 8870.</p> <p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> January 30, 2020</p>

## Virginia Register – January 2020

<p><a href="#">18VAC110-60. Regulations Governing Pharmaceutical Processors (amending 18VAC110-60-10, 18VAC110-60-20, 18VAC110-60-40 through 18VAC110-60-90, 18VAC110-60-130, 18VAC110-60-160, 18VAC110-60-170, 18VAC110-60-190 through 18VAC110-60-230, 18VAC110-60-300, 18VAC110-60-310, 18VAC110-60-320; adding 18VAC110-60-251), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 10, January 06, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>EMERGENCY REGULATION:</b> Pursuant to Chapter 690 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly, the amendments provide for (i) registered agents for patients certified to receive cannabidiol oil or THC-A oil, (ii) changes to whom may be employed to cultivate and extract chemicals from Cannabis plants, and (iii) wholesale distribution of oils between processors. <b>EFFECTIVE DATES:</b> December 30, 2019 through June 29, 2021</p>
<p><a href="#">18VAC115-30. Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants (amending 18VAC115-30-10 through 18VAC115-30-62, 18VAC115-30-110 through 18VAC115-30-150; adding 18VAC115-30-15, 18VAC115-30-63, 18VAC115-30-111; repealing 18VAC115-30-90), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 11, January 20, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> The amendments to these regulations include (i) clarifying and specifying requirements for supervised practice, (ii) adding time limits for completion of experience, (iii) adding requirements for continuing education for renewal, and (iv) adding standards of practice. <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> February 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">18VAC115-80. Regulations Governing the Registration of Qualified Mental Health Professionals (amending 18VAC115-80-20), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 11, January 20, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FINAL REGULATION:</b> The amendments reduce the application fee for registration as a qualified mental health professional-trainee to \$25. <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> February 19, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">18VAC90-19. Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing (amending 18VAC90-19-30, 18VAC90-19-210), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 11, January 20, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>PROPOSED REGULATION:</b> The proposed amendments to 18VAC90-19-210 clarify that the board will accept for registration evidence of a clinical nurse specialist certification that has been retired or is the core certification, provided the certification has been maintained and is current. Likewise, a retired or core certification that remains current qualifies a clinical nurse specialist to renew registration. In subsection B of 18VAC90-19-210, the proposed amendment addresses renewal of a lapsed registration and reinstatement of a registration that has been suspended or revoked. Regulations are aligned with those in 18VAC90-19-190 relating to the reinstatement of a nursing license. <b>COMMENTS DUE:</b> March 20, 2020</p>
<p><a href="#">18VAC140-20. Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work (amending 18VAC140-20-30, 18VAC140-20-45, 18VAC140-20-60), Virginia Register of Regulations, Volume 36, Issue 11, January 20, 2020</a></p>	<p><b>FAST-TRACK REGULATION:</b> The amendments will reduce the fee for initial licensure and for annual renewal of licensure for an LBSW. The application fee is reduced from \$115 to \$100, and the renewal fee is reduced from \$65 to \$55. The most significant reduction in regulatory burden is the elimination of the current requirement for an applicant with a baccalaureate degree to have 3,000 hours of supervised experience in order to qualify for licensure as an LBSW. <b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> March 5, 2020</p>