

# RETURN TO FEDERAL LOAN REPAYMENT

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## BACKGROUND

- Payments and interest accrual on government-owned federal student loans have been paused since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020
- Federal loan borrowers have not been required to make payments for more than three years
- Interest on these loans has not been accruing during this period
- All of that is about to end

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Based on action taken by Congress, this pause will end in September 2023
- Repayment will resume in October 2023
- For some federal loan borrowers, this will be the first time they will be required to make a loan payment
- For other federal loan borrowers, this will reinstate their prior student loan payment obligation
- Even if you aren't scheduled to be in repayment right now (i.e., you are currently enrolled in college on at least a half-time basis pursuing a degree or certificate), interest will once again begin accruing on any federally owned unsubsidized and PLUS loans

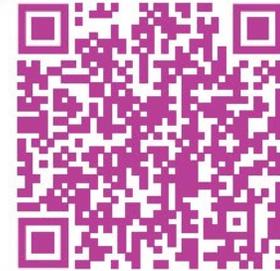
# QUESTIONS

- Any questions regarding this resumption to loan repayment should be directed to your federal loan servicer
- This presentation includes several resources you may want to review before directly reaching out to your loan servicer, as well as how to find out who your servicer is if you are unsure
- Millions of borrowers will be entering or re-entering repayment at once, so please be patient as your loan servicer makes preparations for this unprecedented event

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GET SET UP  
AND STAY ON TRACK

# OFFICE OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

## The Office of Federal Student Aid's (FSA) "Repaying Your Loans" Booklet



This resource outlines information related to the repayment of federal Direct Loans, Perkins Loans, and FFEL loans.

[studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/repaying-your-loans.pdf](https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/repaying-your-loans.pdf)

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# LOAN FORGIVENESS

## Loan Forgiveness



There are various loan forgiveness programs that are available for borrowers who meet certain criteria and circumstances.

[studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation](https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation)

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# INCOME DRIVEN REPAYMENT PLAN

## Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans



Learn more about the four available IDR plans that determine your monthly student loan payment based on your income and family size.

[studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/plans/income-driven](https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/plans/income-driven)

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# FRESH START

## Fresh Start



This initiative aims to assist delinquent and defaulted borrowers as they enter back into repayment in good standing.

[studentaid.gov/announcements-events/default-fresh-start](https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/default-fresh-start)

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# DEFERMENT AND FORBEARANCE

## Student Loan Deferment and Forbearance



Deferment and forbearance are options that allow borrowers in short-term financial distress to temporarily stop making payments.

[studentaid.gov/manage-loans/lower-payments/get-temporary-relief](https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/lower-payments/get-temporary-relief)

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# PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS (PSLF)

## Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)



The PSLF program is for borrowers working in public service who are employed by qualifying employers and meet the criteria to receive forgiveness.

[studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service](https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service)

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# DELINQUENCY AND DEFAULT

## Student Loan Delinquency and Default



Federal student loans become delinquent when a borrower misses a payment. A loan may go into default if the borrower does not make a payment in a certain amount of time. FSA outlines delinquency/default and actions borrowers can take if they believe their loans were mistakenly put in default.

[studentaid.gov/manage-loans/default](https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/default)