

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Office of Postsecondary Education;
Availability of the 1996-97 Federal
Perkins Loan and National Direct
Student Loan Programs Directory of
Designated Low-Income Schools for
Teacher Cancellation Benefits for the
1996-97 School Year**

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the 1996-97 Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for teacher cancellation benefits for the 1996-97 school year.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces that the 1996-97 Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan Programs Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools (Directory) is now available. Under the Federal Perkins Loan and National Direct Student Loan programs, a borrower may have repayment of his or her loan deferred and a portion of his or her loan canceled if the borrower teaches full-time for a complete academic year in a designated elementary or secondary school having a high concentration of students from low-income families. In the 1996-97 Directory, the Secretary lists, on a State-by-State and Territory-by-Territory basis, the schools in which a borrower may teach during the 1996-97 school year to qualify for deferment and cancellation benefits.

DATES: The Directory is currently available.

ADDRESSES: Information concerning specific schools listed in the Directory may be obtained from Patricia Reese, Systems Administration Branch, Campus-Based Programs Systems Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Regional Office Building 3, Room 4621), Washington, DC 20202-5447, Telephone (202) 708-5182.

Information concerning deferment and cancellation of a Federal Perkins Loan or National Direct Student Loan may be obtained from Susan M. Morgan, Section Chief, Campus-Based Loan Programs Section, Loans Branch, Policy Development Division, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., (Regional Office Building 3, Room 4310), Washington, DC 20202-5447, Telephone (202) 708-8242. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Directories 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 Departments of Education; (3) each of the major Federal Perkins Loan billing services; and (4) the U.S. Department of Education, including its regional offices.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary selects the schools that qualify the borrower for deferment and cancellation benefits under the procedures contained in the Federal Perkins Loan program regulations at 34 CFR 674.53, 674.54 and 674.55.

The Secretary has determined that, for the 1996-97 academic year, full-time teaching in the schools set forth in the 1996-97 Directory qualifies a borrower for deferment and cancellation benefits.

The Secretary is providing the Directory to each institution participating in the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Borrowers and other interested parties may check with the institution that awarded their loan, the appropriate State or Territory Department of Education, 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 1996-97 academic year. The Office of Postsecondary Education retains, on a permanent basis, copies of past Directories.

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