

Exit Counseling for Student Borrowers

Shortly before the student borrower of a Federal Direct, or Federal Perkins Loan ceases at least half-time study, he/she is required to complete Exit Counseling. The exit counseling sessions include information on the following:

- average anticipated monthly repayment amount
- repayment plan options
- options to prepay or pay on shorter schedule
- debt management strategies
- use of the Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- the seriousness and importance of student's repayment obligation
- terms and conditions for forgiveness or cancellation
- terms and conditions for deferment or forbearance
- consequences of default
- options and consequences of loan consolidation
- tax benefits available to borrowers
- the obligation of the borrower to repay the full amount of the loan regardless of whether the borrower completes the program or completes within the regular time for completion, is unable to obtain employment upon completion, or is otherwise dissatisfied with or does not receive the educational or other services the borrower purchased from the school
- availability of the Student Loan Ombudsman's office
- information about the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).