Overview of Changes from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015

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This section provides an overview of the changes made from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD). The changes made for the 2014-2015 Award year will be implemented in the COD System beginning April 2014.

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Additions, Modifications, and Removals. The first column provides a description of each change. The remaining columns indicate which programs the change will affect.

Additions to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Direct Loan Subsidized Usage Limit				✓	✓
Non-Credential Teacher Certification File				✓	

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Pell Multiple Reporting Record	✓				
Pell Reconciliation Report	✓				
Pell Year to Date Report	✓				
Pell LEU Report	✓				
Pell LEU Escalation	✓				
Full Schema Validation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Direct Loan Rebuild Report				✓	
Direct Loan Origination Fees				✓	

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
N/A					

Additions to COD for 2014-2015

Direct Loan Subsidized Usage

In June 2013, the COD system began tracking borrowers who were subject to the 150% subsidy usage limit. Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will begin calculating a borrower's subsidized usage and returning that information to schools on the common cecord response.

In order to calculate a borrower's usage, schools will be required to submit additional loan data on the incoming common record. All new loan data fields, and COD calculated usage fields, will be returned on the common record response.

COD will reject new loan originations and/or disbursements which cause the borrower to exceed the 150% subsidy usage limit.

A borrower's subsidy usage limit may include loan data from multiple schools. As such, the COD System will send a new system generated acknowledgement type to schools, containing the borrower's updated subsidy usage, when a borrower's subsidy usage limit has changed, and the change was not initiated by that school; the school that submitted that batch which causes the change in the borrower's subsidy usage limit will not receive the new system generated acknowledgement.

The Direct Loan Rebuild will be modified to include the new COD calculated subsidy usage limit values.

Non-Credential Teacher Certification Files

As a part of a borrower's Direct Loan subsidy usage calculations, the COD System will calculate two separate usage values: a standard subsidy usage calculation, and a non-credential teacher certification subsidy usage calculation.

For Award Years 2014-2015 and forwards, schools may indicate that loans are for non-credential teacher certification programs via the common record.

For Award Years 2013-2014 and prior, schools must submit a separate CSV file to COD, in order to correctly indentify which loans are originated for non-credential teacher certification programs.

Specific message class, file layout, and business rules are forthcoming.

Program Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will be modified to require the <ProgramCIPCode> on all Direct Loan and TEACH disbursement records.

The <ProgramCIPCode> is not required on Pell Grant disbursement records for the 2014-2015 award year. This data element is reserved for future use.

The COD System shall reject a disbursement which does not contain the <ProgramCIPCode> with edit 994. The COD System shall validate that the CIP code reported is a valid CIP code. If the CIP code is not valid, the COD System shall reject the disbursement with edit 996.

Modifications to COD for 2014-2015

Pell Multiple Reporting Record

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will begin receiving EFCs of up to 6 characters from CPS.

The Pell Multiple Reporting Record will be updated to reflect 6 character EFCs.

Pell Reconciliation Report

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will begin receiving EFCs of up to 6 characters from CPS.

The Pell Reconciliation Report will be updated to reflect 6 character EFCs.

Pell Year to Date Report

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will begin receiving EFCs of up to 6 characters from CPS.

The Pell Year to Date Report will be updated to reflect 6 character EFCs.

Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU)Report

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will begin receiving EFCs of up to 6 characters from CPS.

The Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used Report will be updated to reflect 6 character EFCs.

Pell LEU Escalation

Beginning in April 2014, the COD web site will allow school users to dispute a student's Lifetime Eligibility Used. As a part of the dispute resolution process, the COD System will communicate with any applicable schools using their TG mailbox. LEU dispute status messages will be sent as text files using the PGLETXOP message class.

Full Schema Validation

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will introduce new schema version 4.0a. Additionally, all 2.0 versions and the 3.0a, 3.0b & 3.0c. versions of the common record schema will be retired.

As a part of the 4.0a schema implementation, the COD System will begin to fully enforce schema validation on incoming common records. COD will introduce a new document level reject edit, to be included on a common record response, if the incoming common record fails schema validation. Batches which reject due to failed schema validation will not be vieweable on the COD web site.

Direct Loan Rebuild Report

Beginning in April 2014, the COD System will update the Direct Loan Rebuild Report to include information about the borrower's subsidy usage limit. The Origination Record and the Disbursment Record of the Direct Loan Rebuild file will be updated.

Direct Loan Origination Fees

Beginning in October 2013, the COD System modified origination fees for Direct Loan Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and PLUS.

- For Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans first disbursed on or after 12/1/2013, the origination fee will be 1.072%.
- For PLUS Loans first disbursed on or after 12/1/2013, the origination fee will be 4.288%.