

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN DEFERMENT PROVISIONS					
Deferment Provision	Federal Perkins/ National Direct Disbursed on or after 07/01/93. Effective 10/7/98 for all Perkins/NDSL loans	Federal Perkins Disbursed before 07/01/93 & on or after 07/01/87	National Direct Disbursed before 07/01/93 & on or after 10/01/80	National Direct Disbursed before 10/01/80	National Defense
Half-time enrollment	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit	No limit
Less than half-time enrollment as a regular student	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 years**
Rehabilitation training	No limit*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graduate fellowship study <sup>1</sup>	No limit*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eligible internship or residency program	See footnote 2*	2 years <sup>2*</sup>	2 years <sup>3*</sup>	N/A	N/A
Inability to secure full-time employment	3 years*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economic hardship <sup>4</sup>	3 years*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hardship as determined by school	N/A	No limit**	No limit**	No limit**	No limit**
Law enforcement/correction officer***	see footnote 5*	see footnote 6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peace Corps/ACTION program volunteer***	see footnote 5*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years	3 years
Full-time volunteer for tax-exempt organization in service comparable to Peace Corps or ACTION	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
U.S. Armed Services <sup>7***</sup>	see footnote 5*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years	3 years
Officer in Commissioned Corps of U.S. Public Health Service***	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. Corps***	N/A	3 years*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nurse/medical technician providing health services	see footnote 5*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Temporary total disability or care for temporarily totally disabled spouse/dependent***	N/A	3 years*	3 years <sup>8*</sup>	N/A	N/A
Pregnancy, care of newborn or newly adopted child <sup>9</sup>	N/A	6 months*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mother of pre-schooler working or returning to work <sup>10</sup>	N/A	1 year*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment in Educational Component of Head Start Program***	see footnote 5*	Postponement	Postponement	N/A	N/A
Teacher in designated low-income school***	see footnote 5*	Postponement	Postponement	Postponement	Postponement
Teacher of special education, including teacher of infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities <sup>11***</sup>	see footnote 5*	Postponement <sup>12</sup>	Postponement	Postponement	N/A
Provider of early intervention services <sup>13***</sup>	see footnote 5*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or other field of expertise determined by state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers***	see footnote 5*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Provider or supervisor of provision of services to high-risk children from low-income communities and their families <sup>14***</sup>	see footnote 5*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Principal need not be paid, and interest does not accrue.

\*\* Principal and interest may be deferred, but interest continues to accrue.

\*\*\* Employment or service must be full-time.

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**\*THIS CHART IS TO BE USED FOR REFERENCE ONLY. REFER TO PART E OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, AND U.S. CODE, SECTIONS 674.33 THROUGH 674.39 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING A PARTICULAR BORROWER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A DEFERMENT.**

1. A deferment request from a borrower enrolled in a graduate or post-graduate fellowship-supported program outside of the U.S. is approved until the completion of the fellowship period.
2. The internship program must require that the borrower have bachelor's degree before being admitted. In addition, the program must be required by a state licensing agency for certification for professional practice or service, or the program must lead to a postgraduate degree or certificate from a postsecondary school, hospital or health care facility. **Effective 7/1/93, Dentistry is the only approved internship/residency program limited to 2 years.**
3. The internship program must require that the borrower have a bachelor's degree before being admitted. The program must be required by the state licensing agency for certification for professional practice or service.
4. A borrower is considered to have an economic hardship if the borrower:
  - a. Has been granted an economic hardship deferment under FDSL or FFEL
  - b. Is receiving payment under a federal or state public assistance program
  - c. Is working full-time but earning a total monthly gross income that does not exceed (the greater of):
    1. The monthly earnings of an individual earning the minimum wage described in Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, or
    2. An amount equal to 100% of the poverty line for a family of two as determined according to Section 673(2) of the Community Service Block Grant Act.
  - d. Is not receiving total monthly gross income that exceeds twice the amount of "b" above, and after deducting the amount of the borrower's monthly federal postsecondary loan payments, the remaining amount of the borrower's monthly income does not exceed "b" above.
  - e. Is working full-time and has a federal educational debt burden that equals or exceeds 20% of the borrowers adjusted gross income and the difference between the borrower's adjusted gross income minus such burden is less than 220% of the greater of: The annual earnings of an individual earning the minimum wage under Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, or the income official poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and revised annually in accordance with Section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act) applicable to a family of two.

The amount of the borrower's "federal postsecondary loan payments" is the amount of payment that would have been owed if the loan had been scheduled to be repaid in 10 years from the date the borrower entered repayment regardless of the length of the borrower's actual repayment schedule or the actual monthly payment amount.

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5. Deferment is for period in which borrower is engaged in service eligible for Federal Perkins Loan cancellation.
6. Postponement for loans made 11/29/90-07/01/93.
7. Any military service, active duty, for loans made before 07/01/93. For loans made on or after 07/01/93, military service must be in an area that qualifies for hazardous duty pay.
8. Applies to borrower or care of spouse only. Does not allow deferment for the care of temporarily totally disabled dependent.
9. Borrower must not be attending an eligible postsecondary institution or be gainfully employed. Deferment must begin within 6 months after the borrower ceased to be enrolled at least half-time at an eligible institution.
10. Borrower's salary must not be more than \$1 over the minimum hourly wage rate.
11. Infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities are defined in Section S 602(a)(1) and 672(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
12. Teacher of the handicapped, elementary and secondary only.
13. Must be employed in a public or nonprofit program under public supervision. A qualified professional provider of early intervention services is defined in Section 672(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
14. Must be employed in public or nonprofit child or family services agency. High-risk children are defined as individuals under the age of 21 who: are low-income; have been or are at risk of being abused or neglected; have serious emotional, mental, or behavioral disturbances; reside in placements outside of their homes; or are involved in the juvenile justice system. Low-income communities are defined as those communities in which there is a high concentration of children eligible to be counted under Chapter 1 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965. Services must be to the high-risk children and their families.