



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of implementation of certain sections of the TEACH Grant program final regulations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the Department of Education's (Department) implementation of certain sections of the TEACH Grant program final regulations.

DATES: See the Supplementary Information section of this document for information about implementation dates.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

The Department published final regulations for the TEACH Grant program in the *Federal Register* on August 14,

2020 (85 FR 49798), and provided that the final regulations would be effective July 1, 2021. Pursuant to section 482(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), the Department designated the changes to 34 CFR part 686 for early implementation beginning on August 14, 2020, at the discretion of each institution or agency, as appropriate. The Department further indicated that it would implement the regulations as soon as possible after the implementation date and would publish a separate notification announcing the timing of the implementation. Otherwise, the final regulations would be effective July 1, 2021.

Implementation

Pursuant to the final regulations, the Department announces that as of July 1, 2021, the following are available to implement the changes to 34 CFR part 686:

Forms:

- Updated Agreement to Serve or Repay
- TEACH Grant Certification of Qualifying Teaching
- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspension Request:
Enrollment in a Qualifying Program or Completing Teacher
Licensure Requirements
- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspension Request:
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Condition
- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspension Request:
Military Spouse

- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspension Request:
Residing or Being Employed in a Federally Declared Major
Disaster Area

- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspension/Discharge
Request: Military Service

Notices:

- An annual notice to TEACH Grant recipients provided by
the Secretary that contains the information required in
§686.43(a)(2)

- A notice of the date by which a TEACH Grant recipient
must submit documentation showing that the recipient is
satisfying the obligation on or about 90 days before the
date that a grant recipient's TEACH Grants would be
converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans

- A notice to a TEACH Grant recipient of a conversion of
a TEACH Grant to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Counseling materials

- Updated online initial, subsequent, and exit
counseling

- Conversion counseling

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact
person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT,
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an accessible format. The Department will provide the
requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich
Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an

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