1. General Information. You are receiving a Direct Subsidized Loan and/or Direct Unsubsidized Loan to help cover the costs of your education. This Plain Language Disclosure (Disclosure) summarizes information about your loan. Please read this Disclosure carefully and keep a copy in a safe place in the event you have any questions related to your loan. In this Disclosure, all references in the words "you," "your," and "your school" refer to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department). If you have questions about your loan, contact your Direct Loan Servicing Center. The Direct Loan Servicing Center’s telephone number and address are shown on correspondence you will receive related to your loan.

You must repay this loan, even if you are unhappy with your education, do not complete your program of study, or cannot find work in your area of study. Borrow only the amount you can afford to repay, even if you are eligible to borrow more.

By accepting your loan proceeds, you are certifying, under penalty of perjury, that if you have been convicted of, or have pled guilty to, or are under investigation for, a crime involving fraud in connection with the financial aid program, you are not authorized to receive federal student aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. You must notify the Department if any of these conditions change during the time you receive the loan.

You may refuse to accept the loan at any time. You can refuse the loan by notifying your school. After your loan money is disbursed, there are limits on the amount you can borrow. See the following section for more information.

2. Master Promissory Note (MPN). You are receiving a loan under an MPN that you signed previously. You may receive additional loans under that MPN for up to 10 years if the school that you attend is authorized to use the multi-year feature of the MPN and chooses to do so. If your school is not authorized to use the multi-year feature of the MPN or chooses not to do so, or if you do not want to receive more than one loan under the same MPN, you must sign a new MPN for each loan. If you do not want to receive more than one loan under the same MPN, you must notify your school or the Direct Loan Servicing Center in writing.

3. Loan terms and conditions. This Disclosure summarizes important information about your loan. Please refer to your MPN and the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement that you received previously for the complete terms and conditions of your loan. If you need another copy of the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center. Unless we tell you otherwise in this Disclosure, your MPN and the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement control the terms and conditions of your loan.

Loans made under your MPN are subject to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, and federal regulations (collectively referred to as the Act). Any changes to the law or regulations apply to loans in accordance with the effective date of the changes.

4. Use of loan money. You may use your loan money only to pay for educational expenses (for example, tuition, room, board, books) at the school that determined you were eligible to receive the loan. If you accept this loan, your eligibility for other student assistance may be affected.

5. Information you must report. While you are still in school, you must notify your school if you (i) change your address or telephone number; (ii) change your name (for example, maiden name to married name); (iii) do not enroll at least half-time for the loan period certified by the school, or do not enroll at the school that certified your eligibility for the loan; (iv) stop attending school or drop below half-time enrollment; or (v) graduate or transfer to another school. You must also notify the Direct Loan Servicing Center of any of the above changes at any time after you receive your loan. In addition, you must notify the Direct Loan Servicing Center if you (i) change employers or if your employer's address or phone number changes; or (ii) have any other change in status that affects your loan for (for example, if you received a deferment but no longer meet the eligibility requirements for that deferment).

6. Amount you may borrow. There are limits on the amount you may borrow each academic year (annual loan limits) and in total (aggregate loan limits), as explained in the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement. You cannot borrow more than these limits.

Effective for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2008, the annual and aggregate loan limits are as follows:

### Annual Loan Limits

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7. Interest. Loans with a first disbursement date on or after July 1, 2006 have a fixed interest rate. However, different interest rates may apply to separate loans made under the MPN depending on whether the loan is subsidized or unsubsidized, when the loan is first disbursed, and when the loan is made. The interest rate for the loan is determined under the Act and may change during the life of the loan. The percentage is determined by the Act and varies depending on when a loan is first disbursed. The specific loan fee that you are charged will be shown on a disclosure statement that we send to you. This fee will be subtracted proportionately from each disbursement of your loan.

8. Loan fee. We charge a loan fee on your loan that is a percentage of the principal amount of the loan. The percentage is determined by the Act and varies depending on when a loan is first disbursed. The specific loan fee that you are charged will be shown on a disclosure statement that we send to you. This fee will be subtracted proportionately from each disbursement of your loan.

9. Repayment incentive programs. A repayment incentive is a benefit that we offer to encourage you to repay your loan on time. Under a repayment incentive program, the interest rate we charge on your loan may be reduced. Some repayment incentive programs require you to make a certain number of payments on time to keep the reduced interest rate. The following repayment incentive programs may be available to you: Interest Rate Reduction for Electronic Debt Account Repayment and Up-Front Interest Rebate. These repayment incentive programs are described in the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

The Direct Loan Servicing Center can provide you with more information on other repayment incentive programs that may be available.

10. Disbursement of loan money. Generally, your school will disburse (pay out) your loan money in more than one installment, usually at the beginning of each academic term (for example, at the beginning of each semester or quarter). If your school does not use academic terms or does not have academic terms that meet certain requirements, it will generally disburse your loan in at least two installments, one at the beginning of the period of study for which you are receiving the loan and one at the midpoint of that period of study. Your school may disburse your loan money by crediting it to your student account, or may give it to you directly by check or other means. The Direct Loan Servicing Center will notify you each time your school disburses a portion of your loan.

11. Cancelling your loan. Before your loan money is disbursed, you may cancel all or part of your loan at any time by notifying your school. After your loan money is disbursed, there are two ways to cancel all or part of your loan:

- If your school obtains your written confirmation of the types and amounts of Title IV loans that you want to receive for an award year before crediting loan money to your account at the school, you may tell the school that you want to cancel all or part of that loan within 14 days after the date the school notifies you of your right to cancel all or part of the loan, or by the first day of your school’s payment period, whichever is later (your school can tell you the first day of the payment period). If the school does not obtain your written confirmation of the types and amounts of loans you want to receive before crediting the loan money to your account, you may cancel all or part of that loan by informing the school within 30 days of the date the school notifies you of your right to cancel all or part of the loan. In either case, your school will return the cancelled loan amount to you. You do not have to pay interest or the loan fee on the part of your loan that you tell your school to cancel within these timeframes. If you received an up-front interest rebate on your loan, the rebate does not apply to the part of your loan that you tell your school to cancel. Your loan will be adjusted to eliminate any interest, loan fee, and rebate amount that applies to the amount of the loan that was cancelled.

- If you ask your school to cancel all or part of your loan outside the timeframes described above, your school may process your cancellation request, but it is not required to do so.
18. Default and forbearance (postponing payments). If you meet certain requirements, you may receive a forbearance that allows you to temporarily stop making payments on your loan.

For example:
You may receive a forbearance while you are attending school at least half-time or for up to 3 years while you are unemployed.
You may receive a forbearance while you are serving on active duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency, or performing qualifying National Guard duty during a war or other military operation or national emergency, and if you are serving on or after October 1, 2007, for an additional 180-day period following the demobilization date for your qualifying service.
If you are a member of the National Guard or other reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces (current or retired) and you are called or ordered to active duty while enrolled at least half-time at an eligible school, or within 6 months after having been enrolled at least half-time, you are eligible for a forbearance during the 13 months following the conclusion of your active duty service, or until the date you return to enrolled status on at least a half-time basis, whichever is earlier.
This is not a complete list of available deferments. For a complete list, refer to the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement that you received previously.

We do not charge interest on Direct Subsidized Loans during deferment periods. However, we do charge interest on Direct Unsubsidized Loans during deferment periods.

If you cannot make your scheduled loan payments but do not qualify for a deferment, we may give you a forbearance. A forbearance allows you to temporarily stop making payments on your loan, temporarily make smaller payments, or extend the time for making payments. For example, we may give you a forbearance if you are temporarily unable to make scheduled loan payments because of financial hardship or illness. We may also give you a forbearance under other conditions as described in the Borrower’s Rights and Responsibilities Statement.

We charge interest on both Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans during forbearance periods.

To request a deferment or forbearance, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

19. Loan discharge. We may discharge (forgive) all or part of your loan if (i) you die, and you receive an original or certified copy of your death certificate; (ii) you become totally and permanently disabled and meet certain other requirements; (iii) your loan is discharged in bankruptcy; (iv) you were unable to complete your course of study because your school closed; (v) your school falsely certified your eligibility; (vi) your school did not pay a refund of your loan money that was required under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program on or after July 1, 2006, (vii) a loan in your name was falsely certified as a result of a crime of identity theft. To request a loan discharge, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

We may forgive a portion of any loans you received under the Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program on or after October 1, 1998 if you teach full-time for 5 consecutive years in certain low-income elementary and/or secondary schools and meet certain other qualifications, and if you did not owe a Direct Loan or FFEL program loan as of October 1, 1998, or as of the date you obtain a loan after October 1, 1998. Contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center for specific eligibility requirements.

A public service loan forgiveness program is also available. Under this program, the remaining balance due on your eligible Direct Loan Program loans may be cancelled after you have made 120 payments on those loans (after October 1, 2007) under certain repayment plans while you are employed in certain public service jobs.

The Act may provide for certain loan forgiveness or repayment benefits on your loan in addition to the benefits described above. If other forgiveness or repayment options become available, the Direct Loan Servicing Center will provide information about these benefits.

In some cases, you may assert, as a defense against collection of your loan, that your school did something wrong or failed to do something that it should have done. You can make such a defense against repayment only if what your school did or did not do would give rise to a legal cause of action under applicable state law. If you believe that you have a defense against repayment of your loan, contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

20. Loan consolidation. You may consolidate (combine) one or more of your eligible federal education loans into one loan. Consolidation allows you to extend the period of time that you have to repay your loans, and to combine several loan debts into a single monthly payment. This may make it easier for you to repay your loans. However, you will pay more interest if you extend your repayment period through consolidation, since you will be making payments for a longer period of time. Contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center for more information about loan consolidation.

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