

## Comité de Regulaciones Federales y Estatales – Boletín 2018- 19

### ELECTRONIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Por cada Beca Pell otorgada a un estudiante que fue seleccionado para verificación, la institución debe informar el estatus de la verificación del estudiante al USDE a través del Sistema de COD. A esos efectos, la institución incluye un código del estatus de verificación ("W", "V" o "S") en el documento de registro común ( Common Record document) que somete al Sistema de COD mediante procesamiento por lotes o cuando crea la asignación en línea a través del [COD Web Site](#).

### Recordatorios del informe del estatus del código de verificación

Conforme al [2017–18 Federal Student Aid Handbook](#), generalmente, para cada estudiante de Beca Pell para el AY2017-18 seleccionado para verificación por el Sistema CPS, una institución debe haber informado un código de estatus de verificación de "V" o "S" . "A continuación hay algunos recordatorios sobre el informe del código de estatus de verificación para los estudiantes seleccionados para verificación por el CPS, así como los no seleccionados para verificación por el CPS.

### Estudiantes no seleccionados para verificación por el CPS

Una institución puede o no elegir verificar a los estudiantes no seleccionados para verificación por el CPS.

- Una institución debe asegurarse de que ha 1) informado un código de estatus de verificación de "V", si elige verificar o 2) ha dejado el campo en blanco si no eligió verificar.
- Una institución debe asegurarse de que no haya informado un código de estatus de verificación de "S" para los estudiantes de esta categoría.

### Mensaje de advertencia del Código de estatus de verificación 2017-2018 "W" procesado el 11 de abril de 2018

Una institución que ha realizado un desembolso de Beca Pell provisional a un estudiante seleccionado para verificación debe estar concluyendo el proceso de verificación y cambiando el código de estatus de verificación del estudiante de "W" a "V" o "S", según corresponda.

En los dos casos siguientes, es aceptable que el campo del código de estatus de verificación esté en blanco:

- Si el estudiante no fue seleccionado para la verificación o si la institución recibió una transacción seleccionada después de que el estudiante ya no estuviera matriculado y la institución haya informado el código como "W", la institución debe cambiar la "W" a blanco ( nil = "Verdadero").

- Si el estudiante no fue seleccionado para la verificación o si la institución recibió una transacción seleccionada después de que el estudiante ya no estuviera matriculado y la institución NO haya informado ningún código de estatus de verificación hasta la fecha, la institución no necesita presentar un código de verificación y debe dejar el campo en blanco (nil = "True").

El 11 de abril de 2018, el USDE comenzará a enviar un mensaje a las instituciones que tienen uno o más récords de estudiantes del AY2017-18 todavía reportados con un código de estatus de verificación de "W." El mensaje es una advertencia de que los desembolsos a todos los estudiantes con un código de estatus de verificación de "W" se considerarán en exceso y se reducirá a un monto cero en dólares (\$ 0.00), a pesar de que los desembolsos fueron previamente aceptados en el sistema COD. La reducción de los desembolsos afectados está programada para el 25 de abril de 2018.

#### **Nota sobre la fecha límite de verificación:**

Algunos de los registros estudiantiles incluidos en el Informe de reconciliación pueden ser para estudiantes que aún se encuentran dentro del plazo permitido para entregar la documentación de verificación/completar el proceso de verificación según los plazos especificados en "Fechas límite del año de adjudicación 2017-2018" publicadas en el Registro federal del 27 de junio de 2017. El aviso del 27 de junio de 2017 también se publica en *IFAP*.

Después de la reducción del 25 de abril de 2018, si una institución necesita tiempo adicional para completar la verificación para un estudiante individual conforme con el plazo permitido en el aviso del Registro Federal, la institución puede volver a enviar un récord de desembolso con un valor mayor a cero (\$ 0.00) hasta 1 de octubre de 2018. Después del 1 de octubre de 2018, el sistema COD ya no aceptará "W" como un código de estatus de verificación válido para el AY2017-18.

Para información adicional hacer referencia al correo electrónico o número de teléfono al final del anuncio.

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Subject: 2017–18 Verification Reporting and Verification Status Code "W" Warning Message

The regulations that govern the verification of Title IV Federal student aid application information are set forth in 34 CFR Part 668 Subpart E (34 CFR 668.51-668.61). In accordance with these regulations, a school is required to complete verification of information submitted by an applicant on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in connection with the calculation of the applicant's expected family contribution (EFC) for the Title IV Federal student aid programs if the applicant has been selected for verification.

**For each Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant) award disbursed to a student who was selected for verification, a school must report the student's verification status to the Department of Education (the Department) via the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System. To do this, the school includes a verification status code ("W," "V," or "S") in the Common Record document it submits to the COD System via batch processing or when it creates the award online via the [COD Web Site](#).**

#### **Verification Status Code Reporting Reminders**

As explained in the [2017–18 Federal Student Aid Handbook](#), generally, for each 2017–18 Pell Grant recipient selected for verification by the Central Processing System (CPS), a school should have reported a verification status code of "V" or "S."

Below are some reminders regarding verification status code reporting for recipients selected for verification by the CPS as well as recipients not selected for verification by the CPS.

### ***Recipients Selected for Verification by the CPS***

Your school is required to **verify** all recipients selected for verification by the CPS, as described below, unless a recipient is exempt from verification in accordance with the exclusions from verification provided for in the regulations at 34 CFR 668.54(b). These exclusions are outlined in Chapter 4 of the “Application and Verification Guide” of the [2017–18 Federal Student Aid Handbook](#).

**Note:** The 2016–17 Award Year was the final year of the Quality Assurance (QA) Program. QA-participating schools were notified via a letter sent on August 27, 2015 reminding them that QA exemptions were ending with the conclusion of the 2016–17 Award Year (June 30, 2017). As outlined in the Action Plan provided to QA schools in November 2015, former QA schools now have the same verification reporting requirements as all other schools, and should not submit a Verification Status Code of “S” for any student who **was not selected** for verification by the CPS.

Even if your school does not need to verify a student under the exemptions referenced above, it is required to **report** a verification status code for every student selected for verification by the CPS. Your school should ensure that it:

- has provided a verification status code for all recipients selected for verification by the CPS. If your school previously did not report a verification status code, (that is, the field was left blank), it must report a “V” or an “S.” Blank is not an acceptable verification status code, except in the case when a student is selected after he or she is no longer enrolled at your school.
- has reported an “S” only if the student is selected for verification, but is exempt under the allowable exclusions.
- If verification was not completed and the student is not exempt from verification, the Pell Grant must be adjusted to a zero dollar amount (\$0.00).

### ***Recipients Not Selected for Verification by the CPS***

A school may or may not choose to verify recipients not selected for verification by the CPS.

- A school should ensure that it has 1) reported a verification status code of “V” if it chose to verify or 2) has left the field blank if it did not choose to verify.
- A school should ensure that it has not reported a verification status code of “S” for recipients in this category.

### **2017–18 Verification Status Code “W” Warning Message Processed on April 11, 2018**

A school that has made an interim Pell Grant disbursement to a student selected for verification should be concluding verification activities and changing a student's verification status code from “W” to “V” or “S,” as appropriate. In the following two cases, it is acceptable for the verification status code field to be blank:

- If the student was not selected for verification or if a selected transaction was received by the school after the student was no longer enrolled and the school has reported the verification status code as “W,” the school should change the “W” to blank (nil = “True”).
- If the student was not selected for verification or if a selected transaction was received by the school after the student was no longer enrolled and the school has reported no verification status code to date, the school does not need to submit a verification status code and should leave the field blank (nil = “True”).

On April 11, 2018, we began processing a message to schools that have one or more 2017–18 student records still reported with a verification status code of “W.” The message is a warning that disbursements to all students with a verification status code of “W” will be considered overawards and reduced to a zero dollar amount (\$0.00), even though the disbursements were previously accepted in the COD System. The reduction of the affected disbursements is scheduled to occur on April 25, 2018.

We will send the April 11, 2018 warning message to schools' Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) mailboxes in the message class PGTX18OP. Additionally, we will send a file of 2017–18 student records reported to the COD System with a verification status code of “W” in the Reconciliation Report message class PGRC18OP. A school that receives the warning message should review the accompanying Reconciliation Report and submit appropriate changes to the verification status codes for affected students before April 25, 2018.

***Note Regarding Verification Deadline:***

Some of the student records included in the Reconciliation Report may be for students who are still within the allowable timeframe for submitting verification documentation/completing the verification process by the deadlines specified in the “2017–2018 Award Year Deadline Dates” published in the Federal Register on June 27, 2017. The June 27, 2017 notice is also posted on the IFAP website.

Following the April 25, 2018 reduction, if a school needs additional time to complete verification for an individual student in accordance with the allowable timeframe in the Federal Register notice, the school may resubmit a disbursement record with a value greater than zero (\$0.00) until October 1, 2018. After October 1, 2018, the COD System will no longer accept “W” as a valid verification status code for 2017–18 Pell Grant awards.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions about the warning message or about reporting verification status codes to the COD System, contact the COD School Relations Center at 1-800-848-0978. You may also email [CODSupport@ed.gov](mailto:CODSupport@ed.gov).

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