

Comité de Regulaciones Federales y Estatales – Boletín 2018- 25

## **ELECTRONIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Este Anuncio Electrónico provee a las instituciones información adicional sobre la implementación operativa de los calendarios de pago y desembolso de Beca Pell 2018-19, incluyendo los cambios que deben implementar al Sistema CPS y COD.

### **Impacto en el CPS y el reprocesamiento**

El 20 de mayo de 2018 el USDE actualizará el CPS para utilizar los calendarios de pagos y desembolsos revisados de la Beca Pell 2018-19 (y el EFC máximo revisado) para determinar la elegibilidad de Beca Pell y los montos estimados del *Pell Grant Scheduled Award* para el FAFSA® 2018-2019 sometidos recientemente, así también como todas las correcciones.

Como parte de la actualización del Sistema de CPS, también actualizarán las operaciones de impresión del SAR, para incluir los montos estimados del *Pell Grant Scheduled Award* conforme a los calendarios revisados de la Beca Pell para el AY2018-19. Igualmente se implementarán los cambios en la página de confirmación del [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).

Después de implementar los cambios en el CPS, el USDE tendrá que volver a procesar los registros de aquellos estudiantes que completaron el FAFSA 2018-19 o enviaron una corrección antes del 20 de mayo de 2018 y que ahora son elegibles para Beca Pell 2018-19, basado en los calendarios revisados. El CPS reprocesará las transacciones del 2018-19 el **22 de mayo de 2018** para indicar correctamente la elegibilidad de Pell Grant de un estudiante. El reprocesamiento a esta fecha creará una nueva transacción de un *SAR* y *ISIR* para cualquier estudiante con un EFC que sea mayor de 5328 (el EFC máximo elegible para Pell) y menor o igual a 5486 (el nuevo EFC máximo elegible para Pell) para reflejar el aumento de la elegibilidad de Pell Grant.

### **Impacto en el Sistema de COD**

**Importante:** Cualquier registro enviado al Sistema COD antes del 16 de abril de 2018 fue evaluado utilizando los calendarios de Beca Pell del 31 de enero de 2018. A esos efectos, la institución debe reenviarlo al Sistema COD para la corrección pertinente. Además, al determinar el 150% de la cantidad de Beca Pell del *Year Round Pell*, si una institución no otorga o desembolsa utilizando centavos, el 150% máximo revisado del AY2018-19 es de **\$9,142.00**.

### **Registros enviados al sistema de COD a partir del 16 de abril de 2018 de estudiantes elegibles para Beca Pell**

Para los estudiantes que recientemente sean elegibles para Beca Pell 2018-19, basado en los calendarios de pago revisados, las instituciones **deben** enviar un registro de originación de Beca Pell al sistema COD haciendo referencia al nuevo número de transacción de CPS, como resultado del reprocesamiento del 22 de mayo de 2018. Esto será correcto **incluso si el EFC del estudiante en la transacción reprocesada es el mismo** que en la transacción anterior. De lo contrario, el sistema COD rechazará el registro de originación de Pell Grant.

## Registros enviados al Sistema COD a partir del 16 de abril de 2018 para estudiantes con concesiones menores

Para los estudiantes elegibles que ya tienen una Beca Pell 2018-19 en el sistema COD pero cuyo monto **disminuyó** debido a los calendarios de pago revisados, las instituciones deben realizar una de las siguientes:

Someter el monto reducido de la Beca Pell conforme a los nuevos calendarios de pago. Debido a que el reprocesamiento de CPS del 22 de mayo de 2018 no incluirá a los estudiantes que ya eran elegibles para Pell, el número de transacción de CPS correspondiente a la concesión no cambiará.

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Dejar que la concesión actual se mantenga sin cambios; el sistema COD corregirá el monto del desembolso para que coincida con el monto del calendario 2018-19 revisado a tiempo completo cuando una institución presente un registro de desembolso. Nota: Esta opción solo aplica para instituciones "correcting".

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

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Subject: Operational Implementation Guidance #2 – CPS and COD System Implementation of the Revised 2018–19 Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedules

This Electronic Announcement provides institutions with additional information about the operational implementation of the revised 2018–19 Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant) payment and disbursement schedules, including changes we must implement to the Central Processing System (CPS) and the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System.

In [Dear Colleague Letter GEN-18-04](#), posted to the Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP) website on April 10, 2018, we provided schools with revised payment and disbursement schedules for determining Pell Grant awards for the 2018–19 Award Year. The previous schedules were issued on January 31, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of the Master Calendar specified in section 482 of the Higher Education Act. Congress subsequently passed, and on March 23, 2018, the President signed Public Law 115-141, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, which increased the maximum Pell Grant award and, thereby, required the issuance of revised payment and disbursement schedules. The revised schedules must be used for all 2018–19 Pell Grant award calculations, including those for students who may have already been awarded based on the January 31, 2018 schedules.

We provided preliminary information about the impact of the revised schedules in the [April 13, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#). We have now finalized our implementation plans and in the sections below, provide additional information about the impact to the following systems:

- Impact on the CPS and Upcoming Reprocessing
- Impact on the COD System

**Reminder for EExpress Schools:** As described in the [April 13, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#), EExpress 2018-2019, Release 1.0 does not include the revised 2018–19 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules and instead carries over the schedules from the 2017–18 Award Year. Release 2.0, originally scheduled for release in April 2018, will be available in late May 2018, so that we can update the Packaging and Pell Grant modules to use the revised 2018–19 schedules. Monitor the [IFAP website](#) for an announcement of the software's availability.

## **Impact on the CPS and Upcoming Reprocessing**

On May 20, 2018, we will update the CPS to use the revised 2018–19 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules (and the revised maximum eligible EFC) to determine Pell Grant eligibility and estimated Pell Grant Scheduled Award amounts for all newly-submitted 2018–19 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) forms, as well as for all newly-submitted corrections to previously-filed FAFSA forms.

As part of the CPS system update, we will also update our SAR print operations to display estimated Pell Grant Scheduled Award amounts based on the revised 2018–19 Pell schedules. Similar updates will be implemented to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) confirmation page functionality.

After we implement the changes to the CPS, we will need to reprocess records for those students who completed a 2018–19 FAFSA form or submitted a correction before May 20, 2018 and who are now newly eligible for a 2018–19 Pell Grant, based upon the revised 2018–19 schedules and maximum EFC. The CPS will reprocess 2018–19 transactions on **May 22, 2018** in order to properly indicate Pell Grant eligibility. The May 22, 2018 reprocessing will create a new *Student Aid Report* (SAR) and *Institutional Student Information Record* (ISIR) transaction for any student with an EFC that is greater than 5328 (the previous maximum Pell-eligible EFC) and less than or equal to 5486 (the new maximum Pell-eligible EFC) to reflect the addition of Pell Grant eligibility.

Note that student records that had been Pell Grant eligible based on the previous 2018–19 schedules and maximum EFC do not need to be reprocessed even though the estimated Pell Grant award amount presented to the student has changed. Schools should simply use the revised 2018–19 schedules published in [Dear Colleague Letter GEN-18-04](#) when awarding and disbursing 2018–19 Pell Grants. Several methods exist for schools to identify records resulting from the May 22, 2018 reprocessing:

- Reprocessed ISIRs will be sent under the IGSG19OP message class.
- Paper SARs and ISIRs will include SAR comment code 172, which states “This SAR was produced because we processed a change to your information based on information reported to us by another agency or as a result of a processing system change. Review your SAR to see what effect, if any, this change has had on your application, and call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) if you have any questions.”
- ISIRs produced as a result of the May 22, 2018 reprocessing will include a value of “01” for the Reprocessed Reason Code (ISIR field #248).
- The FAA Information page in Student Inquiry on the [FAA Access to CPS Online](#) website will display “01 – Reprocessed due to change in the Pell Maximum EFC” for the Reprocessing Code for the transaction resulting from the May 22, 2018 reprocessing.

**Note:** At a later date (that is still being determined), we will update the ISIR Request edits that enable *FAA Access to CPS Online* users to request Pell-eligible ISIRs with EFCs in the range of 5329 to 5486. We will also update help text in *FAA Access to CPS Online* and on [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) as needed to reference the new maximum Pell Grant award and/or new maximum Pell-eligible EFC for 2018–19.

## **Impact on the COD System**

As described in the [April 13, 2018 Electronic Announcement](#), we implemented the revised 2018–19 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules in the COD System on April 16, 2018. Schools that have already awarded students based on the January 31, 2018 Pell Grant schedules must re-evaluate how the latest revised Pell Grant schedule may impact those awards. This is particularly important for students who have a Pell Grant Cost of Attendance (COA) less than \$5,900 or attend school less than full-time.

**Important:** Any records sent to the COD System before April 16, 2018 were evaluated by the COD System using the January 31, 2018 Pell Grant schedules, and must be resubmitted to the COD System by the school to be corrected.

Also, in determining 150% of a student's Federal Pell Grant Scheduled Award for an award year for Year-Round Pell, if a school does not package or disburse using cents, 150% of the revised 2018–19 maximum scheduled award is **\$9,142.00**.

***Records Submitted to the COD System On or After April 16, 2018 for Newly Pell-Eligible Students***

For students who are newly Pell-eligible for a 2018–19 Pell Grant award based on the revised Pell Grant schedules, schools **must** send a Pell Grant origination record to the COD System referencing the new, Pell-eligible, CPS transaction number that results from the May 22, 2018 CPS reprocessing. This is true **even if the student's EFC on the reprocessed transaction is the same** as on the previous transaction. Otherwise, the COD System will reject the Pell Grant origination record.

***Records Submitted to the COD System On or After April 16, 2018 for Students With Decreased Awards***

For Pell-eligible students who already have a 2018–19 Pell Grant award in the COD System but whose Pell Grant award amount **decreased** due to the revised 2018–19 Pell Grant schedules, schools must take one of the following actions:

1. Submit the decreased Pell Grant award amount based on the new schedules. Because the May 22, 2018 CPS reprocessing will not include students who were already Pell-eligible, the CPS transaction number corresponding to the award will not change.

**OR**

2. Let the current award stand without changes; the COD System will correct the disbursement amount to match the revised 2018–19 Full-Time Pell Grant schedule amount when a school submits a disbursement record. **Note:** This option only applies to “correcting” schools.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions regarding the updates to the CPS or EDEXpress, contact CPS/SAIG Technical Support at 1-800-330-5947 (TDD/TTY 1-800-511-5806) or by email at [CPSSAIG@ed.gov](mailto:CPSSAIG@ed.gov).

If you have questions regarding the updates to the COD System, contact the COD School Relations Center at 1-800-848-0978 or by email at [CODSupport@ed.gov](mailto:CODSupport@ed.gov).

If your students have questions regarding the 2018–19 [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) website or results they receive from application or correction submissions, they may contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or by email at [FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov](mailto:FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov). TDD/TTY service is also available at 1-800-730-8913.

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