

CHART 4—FIXED-RATE CONSOLIDATION LOANS

First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before	Max. rate (%)	Rate
	7/1/1994 .....	.....	Weighted average of rates on the loans included in the consolidation, rounded to nearest whole percent, but not less than 9.00%.
7/1/1994	11/13/1997* .....	.....	Weighted average of rates on the loans included in the consolidation, rounded upward to nearest whole percent.
10/1/1998	7/1/2010	8.25	Weighted average of rates on the loans included in the consolidation, rounded to the nearest higher 1/8 of 1 percent.

CHART 5—FIXED-RATE FEDERAL SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD AND PLUS LOANS

Loan type	Student grade level	First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before	Rate (%)
Subsidized	Undergraduate Students	7/1/2006	7/1/2008	6.80
Subsidized	Undergraduate Students	7/1/2008	7/1/2009	6.00
Subsidized	Undergraduate Students	7/1/2009	7/1/2010	5.60
Subsidized	Graduate/Professional Students	7/1/2006	7/1/2010	6.80
Unsubsidized	All Students	7/1/2006	7/1/2010	6.80
PLUS	Parents and Graduate/Professional Students	7/1/2006	7/1/2010	8.50

Note: No new loans have been made under the FFEL Program since June 30, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Annual Notice of Interest Rates of Federal Student Loans Made Under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program Prior to July 1, 2013

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.268.

DATES: This notice is effective September 15, 2015.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 455(b)(9) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, the Chief Operating Officer for Federal Student Aid announces the interest rates for the period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, for loans made under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program prior to July 1, 2013. The Chief Operating Officer takes this action to give notice of Direct Loan interest rates to the public.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)), provides formulas for determining the interest rates charged to borrowers for loans made under the Direct Loan Program including: Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans (Direct Subsidized Loans); Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans (Direct

Unsubsidized Loans); Federal Direct PLUS Loans (Direct PLUS Loans); and Federal Direct Consolidation Loans (Direct Consolidation Loans) (collectively, "Direct Loans.>").

The Direct Loan Program includes loans with variable interest rates and loans with fixed interest rates. Most loans made under the Direct Loan Program before July 1, 2006, have variable interest rates that change each year. In most cases, the variable interest rate formula that applies to a particular loan depends on the date of the first disbursement of the loan. The variable rates are determined annually and are effective for each 12-month period beginning July 1 of one year and ending June 30 of the following year.

Under section 455(b) of the HEA, Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, have a fixed interest rate.

In the case of some Direct Consolidation Loans, the interest rate is determined by the date on which the Direct Consolidation Loan application was received. Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, have a fixed interest rate. This fixed rate is based on the weighted average of the loans that are consolidated, rounded up to the nearest higher 1/8 of one percent. Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after February 1, 1999, and prior to July 1, 2013, have a maximum interest rate of 8.25 percent.

Under section 455(b) of the HEA, the Direct Loan variable interest rates are based on formulas that use the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned at the final auction held before June 1 of each year, plus a

statutory add-on percentage. These formulas apply to: All Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans; Direct Consolidation Loans for which the application was received on or after July 1, 1998, and before February 1, 1999; and Direct PLUS Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 1998. In each case, the calculated rate is capped by a maximum interest rate. The bond equivalent rate of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned on May 26, 2015, which is used to calculate the interest rates on these loans, is 0.02 percent.

In addition, under section 455(b)(4) of the HEA, the interest rate for Direct PLUS Loans that were first disbursed on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 1998, is based on the weekly average of the one-year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by the Board of

Governors of the Federal Reserve System on the last day of the calendar week ending on or before June 26 of each year, plus a statutory add-on percentage. The calculated rate is capped by a maximum interest rate. The weekly average of the one-year constant maturity Treasury yield published on June 29, 2015, which is used to calculate the interest rate on these loans, is 0.29 percent.

This notice includes five charts containing specific information on the calculation of the interest rates for loans made under the Direct Loan Program prior to July 1, 2013. We published a separate notice containing the interest rates for Direct Loans made for the current award year on July 17, 2015 (See 80 FR 42488).

Chart 1 contains information on the interest rates for variable-rate Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans.

Chart 2 contains information on the interest rates for variable-rate Direct PLUS Loans.

Chart 3 contains information on the interest rates for variable-rate Direct Subsidized Consolidation Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans.

Chart 4 contains information on the interest rates for variable-rate Direct PLUS Consolidation Loans.

Chart 5 contains information on the interest rates for fixed-rate Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, and Direct PLUS Loans, and Direct Consolidation Loans.

CHART 1—VARIABLE-RATE DIRECT SUBSIDIZED AND DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS

Cohort		Max. rate (%)	Index rate	Margin		Total rate	
First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before		91-Day T-bill rate (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)
7/1/1994	7/1/1995	8.25	0.02	3.10	3.10	3.12	3.12
7/1/1995	7/1/1998	8.25	0.02	2.50	3.10	2.52	3.12
7/1/1998	7/1/2006	8.25	0.02	1.70	2.30	1.72	2.32

CHART 2—VARIABLE-RATE DIRECT PLUS LOANS

Cohort		Max. rate (%)	Index rate		Margin (%)	Total rate (%)
First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before		91-Day T-bill rate (%)	1-Year constant treasury maturity (%)		
7/1/1994	7/1/1998	9.00	.....	0.29	3.10	3.39
7/1/1998	7/1/2006	8.25	0.02	.....	3.10	3.12

In Charts 3 through 5, an asterisk following a date in a cohort field indicates that the trigger for the rate to apply is an application for a Direct Consolidation Loan being received

either “on or after” or “before” the date in the cohort field. For example, the fourth row in Chart 3 describes the interest rate for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Consolidation Loans for

which the application was received before October 1, 1998, and that were first disbursed on or after October 1, 1998.

CHART 3—VARIABLE-RATE DIRECT SUBSIDIZED AND DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Cohort		Max. rate (%)	Index rate	Margin		Total rate	
First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before		91-Day T-bill rate (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)
7/1/1994	7/1/1995	8.25	0.02	3.10	3.10	3.12	3.12
7/1/1995	7/1/1998	8.25	0.02	2.50	3.10	2.52	3.12
7/1/1998	10/1/1998	8.25	0.02	1.70	2.30	1.72	2.32
10/1/1998	* 10/1/1998	8.25	0.02	1.70	2.30	1.72	2.32
* 10/1/1998	* 2/1/1999	8.25	0.02	2.30	2.30	2.32	2.32

CHART 4—VARIABLE-RATE DIRECT PLUS CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Cohort		Max. rate (%)	Index rate		Margin		Total rate	
First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before		91-Day T-bill rate (%)	1-Year constant treasury maturity (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)	In-school, grace, deferment (%)	All other periods (%)
7/1/1994	7/1/1998	9.00	.....	0.29	3.10	3.10	3.39	3.39
7/1/1998	10/1/1998	9.00	0.02	.....	3.10	3.10	3.12	3.13
10/1/1998	* 10/1/1998	9.00	0.02	.....	3.10	3.10	3.12	3.12
* 10/1/1998	* 2/1/1999*	8.25	0.02	.....	2.30	2.30	2.32	2.32

CHART 5—FIXED-RATE DIRECT SUBSIDIZED, DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED, DIRECT PLUS LOANS, AND DIRECT CONSOLIDATION LOANS

Loan type	Student grade level	First disbursed on or after	First disbursed before	Rate
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2006	7/1/2008	6.80%
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2008	7/1/2009	6.00%
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2009	7/1/2010	5.60%
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2010	7/1/2011	4.50%
Subsidized	Undergraduates	7/1/2011	7/1/2013	3.40%
Subsidized	Graduate/Professional Students	7/1/2006	7/1/2012	6.80%
Unsubsidized	All	7/1/2006	7/1/2013	6.80%
PLUS	Parents and Graduate/Professionals	7/1/2006	7/1/2013	7.90%
Consolidation	All	2/1/1999	7/1/2013	Weighted average of rates on the loans included in the consolidation, rounded to 1/8 of 1 percent, up to 8.25 percent.

Note: Interest rates for Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, are published in a separate **Federal Register** notices, as follows:

- For Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2013, and prior to July 1, 2014, see 78 FR 59011.
- For Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2014, and prior to July 1, 2015, see 79 FR 37301.
- For Direct Loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2015, and prior to July 1, 2016, see 80 FR 42488.

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AGENCY: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a revision of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 15, 2015.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2015–ICCD–0091. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202–4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubzdela, (202) 502–7411 or by email kashka.kubzdela@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork