

Deferment Provisions	Federal Perkins/ National Direct Disbursed on or after 7/1/93.	Federal Perkins Disbursed before 7/1/93 & on or after 7/1/87	National Direct Disbursed before 7/1/93 & on or after 10/1/80	National Direct Disbursed before 10/1/80	National Defense
Half-time enrollment	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*
Less than half-time enrollment as a regular student	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 years**
Rehabilitation training	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*
Graduate fellowship study ¹	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*	No limit*
Eligible internship or residency program	see note 15	2 years ^{2*}	2 years ^{3*}	N/A	N/A
Inability to secure full-time employment	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*
Economic hardship ⁴	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*
Hardship as determined by school	N/A	No limit**	No limit**	No limit**	No limit**
Law enforcement/ correction officer***	see note 5*	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6
Peace Corps/AmeriCorps*VISTA program volunteer***	see note 5*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*
Full-time volunteer for tax-exempt org. in service comparable to Peace Corps or AmeriCorps*VISTA	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
U.S. Armed Services ^{7***}	see note 5*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*	3 years*
Officer in Commissioned Corps of U.S. Public Health Service***	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. Corps***	N/A	3 years*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nurse/medical technician providing health services***	see note 5*	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6
Temporary total disability for borrower or spouse ⁸	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
Temporary total disability or care for temporarily totally disabled spouse/dependent	N/A	3 years*	3 years*	N/A	N/A
Pregnancy, care of newborn or newly adopted child ⁹	N/A	6 months*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mother of pre-schooler working or returning to work ¹⁰	N/A	1 year*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment in educational component of Head Start Program***	see note 5*	see note 5	see note 5	see note 5	see note 5
Teacher in designated low-income school***	see note 5*	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12
Teacher of special education, including teacher of infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities ^{11***}	see note 5*	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12	see notes 5&12
Provider of early intervention services ^{13***}	see note 5*	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6
Teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or other field of expertise determined by state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers***	see note 5*	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6
Provider or supervisor of provision of services to high-risk children from low-income communities and their families ^{14***}	see footnote 5*	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6	see notes 5&6

* Principal need not be paid, and interest does not accrue.

** Principal and interest may be deferred, but interest continues to accrue.

*** Employment or service must be full-time.

Cancellation Provisions	Federal Perkins/ National Direct made on or after 7/23/92.	Federal Perkins made prior to 7/23/92	National Direct made prior to 7/23/92	National Defense
Total and permanent disability or death of borrower ¹	100%	100%	100%	100%
Full-time employment in a Head Start Program ²	100%	100%	100%	100% ¹⁷
Full-time law enforcement or correction officer ³	100%	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷
Full-time teaching in low-income school eligible for funding under Chapter 1 of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981 ⁶	100% ⁵	100% ⁵	100% ⁵	100% ⁷
Full-time special education teacher, including teacher of infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities ⁸	100% ⁵	100% ^{5/9}	100% ^{5/9}	100% ^{7/9}
Full-time provider of early intervention services in a public or nonprofit program under public supervision ¹⁰	100% ³	100% ^{3/17}	100% ^{3/17}	100% ^{3/17}
Full-time teacher of handicapped students in a public or nonprofit elementary/secondary school	N/A	100% ^{5/9}	100% ^{5/9}	100% ^{7/9}
Full-time teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or any field of expertise determined by state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers ⁵	100%	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷
Full-time provider or supervisor of provision of services to high-risk children from low-income communities and their families ^{3/11*}	100%	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷
Nurse or medical technician providing health care services ^{5*}	100%	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷	100% ¹⁷
Peace Corps or Americorps*VISTA programs volunteer ¹²	70%	70%	70%	70%
Service in U.S. Armed Forces	50% ¹³	50% ¹³	50% ¹³	50% ¹⁴
Full-Time teaching in public/nonprofit elementary/secondary school, institution of higher education or overseas Department of Defense elementary/secondary school	N/A	N/A	N/A	50% ¹⁵
Bankruptcy ¹⁶	in some cases	in some cases	in some cases	in some cases

* Employment must be full-time.

DEFERMENT PROVISIONS

1. A deferment request from a borrower enrolled in a graduate or postgraduate fellowship-supported program outside of the U.S. is approved until the completion of the fellowship period.
2. The internship program must require that the borrower have bachelor's degree before being admitted. In addition, the program must be required by a state licensing agency for certification for professional practice or service, or the program must lead to a postgraduate degree or certificate from a postsecondary school, hospital or health-care facility.
3. The internship program must require that the borrower have a bachelor's degree before being admitted. The program must be required by the state licensing agency for certification for professional practice or service.
4. A borrower is considered to have an economic hardship if the borrower:
 - a. Is working full-time but earning an amount that does not exceed (the greater of):
 1. The federal minimum wage, or
 2. An amount equal to 100% of the poverty line for a family of two as determined according to section 673(2) of the Community Service Block Grant Act, or
 - b. Meets other regulatory criteria that take into account the borrower's debt-to-income ratio as a primary factor.
5. Deferment is for period in which borrower is engaged in service eligible for Federal Perkins Loan cancellation.
6. Service must begin on or after 10/7/98.
7. For loans made on or after 7/1/93, military service must be in an area that qualifies for hazardous duty pay.
8. Applies to borrower or care of spouse only. Does not allow deferment for the care of temporarily totally disabled dependent.
9. Borrower must not be attending an eligible postsecondary institution or be gainfully employed. Deferment must begin within six months after the borrower ceased to be enrolled at least half-time at an eligible institution.
10. Borrower's salary must not be more than \$1 over the minimum hourly wage rate.
11. Infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities are defined in Section S 602(a)(1) and 672(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
12. Includes teachers of the handicapped, elementary and secondary only.
13. Must be employed in a public or nonprofit program under public supervision. A qualified professional provider of early intervention services is defined in Section 672(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
14. Must be employed in public or nonprofit child or family-services agency. High-risk children are defined as individuals under the age of 21 who: are low-income; have been or are at risk of being abused or neglected; have serious emotional, mental or behavioral disturbances; reside in placements outside of their homes; or are involved in the juvenile justice system. Low-income communities are defined as those communities in which there is a high concentration of children eligible to be counted under Chapter 1 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965.
15. Borrowers with loans disbursed on or after 7/1/93 may receive this deferment only for an internship or residency program in dentistry. The maximum is 2 years.

CANCELLATION PROVISIONS

1. Total and permanent disability is defined as the borrower's inability to work and earn money because of an impairment that is expected to continue indefinitely or to result in the borrower's death.
2. Cancellation rate is 15% per year.
3. Cancellation rate is: 15% per year for first and second years; 20% per year for third and fourth years; and 30% for fifth year.
4. Applies only to loans made on or after 11/29/90.
5. Cancellation rate is: 15% per academic year for first and second years; 20% per academic year for third and fourth years; and 30% for fifth academic year.
6. If borrower teaches at a school that does not qualify as a low-income school in a subsequent year, the borrower remains eligible for loan cancellation as long as the borrower continues to teach full-time at the school.
7. Cancellation rate is 15% per academic year.
8. Infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities are defined in Section 602(a)(1) and 672(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
9. Includes full-time teaching of handicapped children in a public or nonprofit elementary or secondary school system.
10. A qualified professional provider of early intervention services is defined in Section 672(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
11. Must be employed in public or non-profit child or family services agency. High-risk children are defined as individuals under the age of 21 who: are low-income; have been or are at risk of being abused or neglected; have serious emotional, mental or behavioral disturbances; reside in placements outside of their homes; or are involved in the juvenile justice system. Low-income communities are defined as those communities in which there is a high concentration of children eligible to be counted under Chapter 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
12. Service for Direct or Defense loans must begin on or after 10/7/98. Cancellation rate is 15% per year for first and second years, and 20% per year for third and fourth years.
13. Military service must be in an area that qualifies for hazardous duty pay. Cancellation rate is 12.5% per year of qualifying service.
14. Cancellation rate is 12.5% per year of consecutive service.
15. Cancellation rate is 10% per academic year.
16. Loan is canceled only if collection is stayed by a bankruptcy court. If the loan is not ultimately discharged in bankruptcy, it again becomes the borrower's obligation.
17. Service must begin on or after 10/7/98.

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