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Federal Perkins Loan Program, Federal
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Grant Program; Final Rule

(e) *Early intervention services:* Those services defined in section 672(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that are provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities.

(h) *High-risk children:* Individuals under the age of 21 who are low-income or at risk of abuse or neglect, have been abused or neglected, have serious emotional, mental, or behavioral disturbances, reside in placements outside their homes, or are involved in the juvenile justice system.

(i) *Infants and toddlers with disabilities:* Infants and toddlers from birth to age 2, inclusive, who need early intervention services for specified reasons, as defined in section 672(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(k) *Low-income communities:* Communities in which there is a high concentration of children eligible to be counted under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(l) *Medical technician:* An allied health professional (working in fields such as therapy, dental hygiene, medical technology, or nutrition) who is certified, registered, or licensed by the appropriate State agency in the State in which he or she provides health care services. An allied health professional is someone who assists, facilitates, or complements the work of physicians and other specialists in the health care system.

(m) *Nurse:* A licensed practical nurse, a registered nurse, or other individual who is licensed by the appropriate State agency to provide nursing services.

(n) *Qualified professional provider of early intervention services:* A provider of services as defined in section 672(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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- (i) Speech and language pathology and audiology;
- (ii) Physical therapy;
- (iii) Occupational therapy;
- (iv) Psychological and counseling services; or
- (v) Recreational therapy.

(r) *Teaching in a field of expertise:* The majority of classes taught are in the borrower's field of expertise.

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34. Section 674.52 is amended by adding a heading to paragraph (b); by redesignating paragraph (b)(1) as (b)(1)(i); by adding new paragraph (b)(1)(ii); by adding a heading to

paragraph (c); by revising paragraph (d); and by adding new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 674.52 Cancellation procedures.

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(b) *Part-time employment.* (1)(i) * * *

(ii) An institution may refuse a request for cancellation based on a claim of simultaneous employment as a nurse or medical technician in two or more facilities if it cannot determine easily from the documentation supplied by the borrower that the combined employment is full-time. However, it shall grant the cancellation if one facility official certifies that a nurse or medical technician worked full-time for a full year.

(c) *Cancellation of a defaulted loan.*

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(d) *Concurrent deferment period.* (1) For loans made prior to July 1, 1993, the Secretary considers a borrower's loan deferment under §§ 674.35, 674.36, and 674.37 to run concurrently with any period for which a cancellation for military, Peace Corps, or ACTION program service is granted.

(2) For loans made on or after July 1, 1993, the Secretary considers a borrower's loan deferment under § 674.34 to run concurrently with any period for which a cancellation under §§ 674.53, 674.56, or 674.57 is granted.

(e) *National community service.* No borrower who has received a benefit under subtitle D of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 may receive a cancellation under this subpart.

§§ 674.53 and 674.54 [Redesignated as §§ 674.54 and 674.55]

§§ 674.55 through 674.60 [Redesignated as §§ 674.58 through 674.63]

35. Sections 674.55 through 674.60 are redesignated as §§ 674.58 through 674.63 respectively; §§ 674.53 and 674.54 are redesignated as §§ 674.54 and 674.55 respectively; and a new § 674.53 is added to read as follows:

§ 674.53 Teacher cancellation—Federal Perkins loans and Direct loans made on or after July 23, 1992.

(a) *Cancellation for full-time teaching in an elementary or secondary school serving low-income students.* (1) An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding loan balance on a Federal Perkins loan or a Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for full-time teaching in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school that—

(i) Is in a school district that qualified for funds, in that year, under title I of

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended; and

(ii) Has been selected by the Secretary based on a determination that more than 30 percent of the school's total enrollment is made up of title I children.

(2) For each academic year, the Secretary notifies participating institutions of the schools selected under paragraph (a) of this section.

(3) (i) The Secretary selects schools under paragraph (a)(1) of this section based on a ranking by the State education agency.

(ii) The State education agency shall base its ranking of the schools on objective standards and methods. These standards must take into account the numbers and percentages of title I children attending those schools.

(iii) For each academic year, the Secretary notifies participating institutions of the schools selected under paragraph (a) of this section.

(4) The Secretary considers all elementary and secondary schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or operated on Indian reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract with BIA to qualify as schools serving low-income students.

(5) A teacher, who performs service in a school that meets the requirement of paragraph (a)(1) of this section in any year and in a subsequent year fails to meet these requirements, may continue to teach in that school and will be eligible for loan cancellation pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section in subsequent years.

(6) If a list of eligible institutions in which a teacher performs services under paragraph (a)(1) of this section is not available before May 1 of any year, the Secretary may use the list for the year preceding the year for which the determination is made to make the service determination.

(b) *Cancellation for full-time teaching in special education.* An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for the borrower's service as a full-time special education teacher of infants, toddlers, children, or youth with disabilities, in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school system.

(c) *Cancellation for full-time teaching in fields of expertise.* An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for full-time teaching in mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, or any other field of expertise where the

State education agency determines that there is a shortage of qualified teachers.

(d) *Cancellation rates.* (1) To qualify for cancellation under paragraph (a), (b), or (c) of this section, a borrower shall teach full-time for a complete academic year or its equivalent.

(2) Cancellation rates are—

(i) 15 percent of the original principal loan amount plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for each of the first and second years of full-time teaching;

(ii) 20 percent of the original principal loan amount, plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for each of the third and fourth years of full-time teaching; and

(iii) 30 percent of the original principal loan amount, plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for the fifth year of full-time teaching.

(e) *Teaching in a school system.* The Secretary considers a borrower to be teaching in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school system only if the borrower is directly employed by the school system.

(f) *Teaching children and adults.* A borrower who teaches both adults and children qualifies for cancellation for this service only if a majority of the students whom the borrower teaches are children.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C 1087ee)

36. Redesignated § 674.54 is amended by revising the heading of the section; by revising paragraph (a)(1); by removing paragraph (a)(2); by redesignating paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(4) as paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) respectively; by removing the term "Chapter 1" and adding in its place "title I" in redesignated paragraph (a)(2); by adding new paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5); by revising paragraph (b)(1); and by revising the authority citation to read as follows:

§ 674.54 Teacher cancellation—Federal Perkins loans and Direct loans made before July 23, 1992.

(a) *Cancellation for full-time teaching in an elementary or secondary school serving low-income students.* (1) An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding loan balance on a Federal Perkins loan or a Direct loan made before July 23, 1992, for full-time teaching in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school that—

(i) Is in a school district that qualifies for funds, in that year, under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended; and

(ii) Has been selected by the Secretary based on a determination that more than 30 percent of the school's total enrollment is made up of title I children.

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(4) A teacher, who performs service in a school that meets the requirement of paragraph (a)(1) of this section in any year and in a subsequent year fails to meet these requirements, may continue to teach in that school and will be eligible for loan cancellation pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, in subsequent years.

(5) If a list of eligible institutions in which a teacher performs services under paragraph (a)(1) of this section is not available before May 1 of any year, the Secretary may use the list for the year preceding the year for which the determination is made to make the service determination.

(b) *Cancellation for full-time teaching of the handicapped.* (1) An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made before July 23, 1992, for full-time teaching of handicapped children in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school system.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087ee)

37. Redesignated section 674.55 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(1)(i); by removing paragraph (b)(2); by redesignating paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6) as paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4), and (b)(5), respectively; and by removing the term "Chapter 1" and adding in its place "title I" in redesignated paragraph (b)(2)(ii) to read as follows:

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(i) Is in a school district that qualifies for funds in that year under title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended; and

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38. A new § 674.56 is added to read as follows:

§ 674.56 Employment cancellation—Federal Perkins loans and Direct loans made on or after July 23, 1992.

(a) *Cancellation for full-time employment as a nurse or medical technician.* An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins or Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for full-time employment as a nurse or medical technician providing health care services.

(b) *Cancellation for full-time employment in a public or private*

nonprofit child or family service agency. An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for service as a full-time employee in a public or private nonprofit child or family service agency who is providing, or supervising the provision of, services to high-risk children who are from low-income communities and the families of such children.

(c) *Cancellation for service as a qualified professional provider of early intervention services.* An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made on or after July 23, 1992, for the borrower's service as a full-time qualified professional provider of early intervention services in a public or other nonprofit program under public supervision by the lead agency as authorized in section 676(b)(9) of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.

(d) *Cancellation rates.* (1) To qualify for cancellation under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, a borrower must work full-time for 12 consecutive months.

(2) Cancellation rates are—

(i) 15 percent of the original principal loan amount plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for each of the first and second years of full-time employment;

(ii) 20 percent of the original principal loan amount plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for each of the third and fourth years of full-time employment; and

(iii) 30 percent of the original principal loan amount plus the interest on the unpaid balance accruing during the year of qualifying service, for the fifth year of full-time employment.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1087ee)

39. A new § 674.57 is added to read as follows:

§ 674.57 Cancellation for law enforcement or corrections officer service—Federal Perkins loans and Direct loans for loans made on or after November 29, 1990.

(a)(1) An institution shall cancel up to 100 percent of the outstanding balance on a borrower's Federal Perkins loan or Direct loan made on or after November 29, 1990, for full-time service as a law enforcement or corrections officer for an eligible employing agency.

(2) An eligible employing agency is an agency—

(i) That is a local, State, or Federal law enforcement or corrections agency;