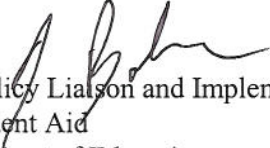


MEMORANDUM

United States Department of Education
Washington, DC 20202

To: Bridget Dooling
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From: Jeff Baker 
Director, Policy Liaison and Implementation
Federal Student Aid
U.S. Department of Education

Subject: Request for emergency clearance of the Final Regulations Governing the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants as amending the Student Assistance General Provisions

Date: May 15, 2008

The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) requests that OMB grant an emergency clearance of the changes made to OMB Control Number 1845-0038 as a result of new burden associated with regulatory changes made to 34 CFR 668.165. Under 34 CFR 668.165, institutions are required to provide written notice to recipients of Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants to notify the recipient of when and the amount of their TEACH Grant disbursements. The notice also tells the recipient of their right to cancel or reduce the amount of the TEACH Grant, as well as the procedures the institution has adopted for the recipient to contact the school about cancellation or reduction of the grant. These regulatory changes and the additional increased burden to schools and individuals are the result of comments made by the public in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2008. (See 73 FR 15336.)

As explained in Items 1 and 2 of the supporting statement that is included with this emergency clearance request, sections 420L through 420O of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, (the HEA) provides for TEACH Grants to eligible students at eligible and participating institutions of higher education.

The TEACH Grant Program was established under the HEA by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 1007 (the CCRAA). In accordance with section 420O of the CCRAA, the effective date for the TEACH Grant Program is July 1, 2008. The Department is requesting an emergency clearance of the TEACH Grant regulations because the regular clearance process would not enable us to make an OMB-approved TEACH Grant available to applicants by the statutory effective date for the TEACH Grant Program.

The Department requests emergency clearance of the revised OMB 1845-0038 by June 12, 2008. The proposed TEACH Grant regulations were published on March 21, 2008. The TEACH Grant final regulations are scheduled to be sent to the Federal Register on June 16, 2008.

Please let me know if you have questions related to this emergency clearance request. I may be reached at (202) 377-4009, or by e-mail at jeff.baker@ed.gov or you can contact Dan Klock of my staff at (202)-377-0426, or be e-mail at dan.klock@ed.gov.

Enclosures:
Supporting statement
March 21, 2008 Proposed Regulations (73 FR 15354)