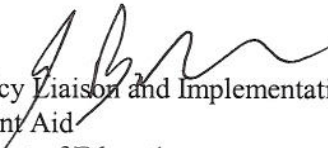


MEMORANDUM

United States Department of Education
Washington, DC 20202

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

Subject: Request for emergency clearance of the Proposed Regulations Governing the
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
Program

Date: May 15, 2008

The U.S. Department of Education (the Department) requests that OMB grant an emergency clearance of the proposed regulations governing the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program. 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 proposed regulations by June 12, 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)