


PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

2017–18 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study Administrative Collection (NPSAS:18-AC)
Change Request

Agency/Subagency U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences	OMB Control Number 1850-0666 v.21	
Enter only items that change		
	Current Record	New Record
Agency form number(s)	NA	NA
Annual reporting and record keeping hour burden		
Number of respondent	3,072	3,095
Total annual responses	10,804	10,883
Percent of these responses collected electronically	72%	72%
Total annual hours	63,335	63,792
Difference	+ 457	
Explanation of difference		
Program change	+ 457	
Adjustment	0	
Annual reporting and record keeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized capital/startup costs	NA	NA
Total annual costs (O&M)	NA	NA
Total annualized cost requested	NA	NA
Difference	NA	
Explanation of difference		
Program change	NA	
Adjustment	NA	
Other change**		
<p>The 2017–18 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, Administrative Collection (NPSAS:18-AC) is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). NPSAS is a nationally representative study of how students and their families finance education beyond high school. NPSAS provides the finance-related data along with comprehensive descriptions of the undergraduate and graduate student populations in terms of their demographic characteristics, academic programs undertaken, types of institutions attended, and attendance patterns. The 2018 administration of NPSAS:18-AC will be the first NPSAS study to provide state-level estimates of undergraduate students for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In order to allow for the larger sample of institutions participating in NPSAS:18-AC that is required to produce the state estimates, NPSAS:18-AC will not include a student interview – it will rely solely on the data available from postsecondary institutions and administrative sources. NPSAS:18-AC will also be the first NPSAS study to be conducted at the midway point in a typical 4-year NPSAS cycle. Going forward, NPSAS will be conducted every two years, with consecutive NPSAS administrations alternating between NPSAS-AC, characterized by no student interviews and larger institutional samples needed for state estimates, and traditional NPSAS collections that have smaller institutional samples, include student interviews, provide national but not state estimates, and serve as the base-year data for either the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS) or the Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study (B&B), alternating between the two every four years. The reduced time between NPSAS collections, from every four to every two years, will meet the demand among policymakers and researchers for more frequent and timely data on postsecondary education and student financial aid in the United States. The request to conduct NPSAS:18-AC data collection was approved by OMB in November 2017 (OMB# 1850-0666 v.20). This request is to modify the materials used for recruiting and collecting data from postsecondary institutions, including modifying institution contact materials, the data collection instrument, introducing data feedback reports, and utilizing instructional videos. Additionally, this request updates institution sample size and updates the list of endorsing organizations.</p>		
Signature of Senior Official or designee: 	Date: January 17, 2018	For OIRA Use _____ _____

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