


PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

2019–20 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:20) End of Data Collection
Change Request

Agency/Subagency U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences		OMB Control Number 1850-0666 v.32
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	105,214	93,024
Total annual responses	111,614	99,424
Percent of these responses collected electronically	100%	100%
Total annual hours	131,801	126,531
Difference		-5270
Explanation of difference		
Program change		-5270
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 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), part of the U.S. Department of Education, is a cross-sectional study that examines how students and their families pay for education after high school. The fundamental purpose of NPSAS is to create a research data set that brings together information about a variety of programs for a large sample of undergraduate and graduate students. NPSAS provides the data for comprehensive descriptions of the undergraduate and graduate student populations in terms of their demographic characteristics, academic programs, types of institutions attended, attendance patterns, and employment. NPSAS is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and was first implemented during the 1986–87 academic year and has been fielded every 2 to 4 years since. The 11th cycle in the NPSAS series, NPSAS:20, will be conducted during the 2019–20 academic year and will be both nationally- and state-representative of undergraduate and graduate students, and a nationally-representative sample of first-time beginning students (FTBs). It will further serve as the base year data collection for the 2020 cohort of the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS:20), a study of first-time beginning postsecondary students that will be conducted three years (BPS:20/22) and six years (BPS:20/25) after beginning their postsecondary education. The request to conduct all activities related to NPSAS:20 was approved by OMB including the latest change request in October 2020 (OMB#1859-0666 v.25-31). The NPSAS:20 enrollment list collection from institutions takes place from October 2019 through October 2020, the student records collection will take place from March 2020 through February 2021, and the main student survey data collection takes place from February 2020 through early January 2021.</p> <p>NPSAS:20 has been affected in numerous ways by the unprecedented worldwide coronavirus pandemic. As a result, response rates for student-level data collection are lagging behind expectations for this point in the data collection period. As described in this memo, we would like to target three salient groups with increased contacting and an additional \$10 incentive to help increase participation. This request is to modify our contacting strategy and change the incentive offer for specific nonrespondents – potential first-time beginning students (FTBs), undergraduate students from private for-profit institutions, and undergraduates who did not file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (called FAFSA non-filers), to encourage their participation in NPSAS:20. This request is also for a change to the student sample size from 150,000 to around 170,000, to help increase the survey yield so that it comes closer to the initial goal of 99,750 respondents. This request does not introduce changes to the costs to the federal government, but the estimated changes to respondent burden, reflecting the response rates currently being observed, are reported in a revised burden table.</p>		
Signature of Senior Official or designee: 	Date: November 18, 2020	For OIRA Use _____

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