

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
Eligibility of Students at Institutions of
Higher Education for Funds Under the
CARES Act (1840-0857)
Summary of Public Comments Following 60 Day Review Period**

Summary:

On September 24, 2021, the Department of Education (Department) published a Notice of Proposed Emergency Information Collection Request (Notice) in the Federal Register inviting comments by November 23, 2021, on the Eligibility of Students at Institutions of Higher Education for Funds Under the CARES Act. Two commenters provided comments regarding this collection.

Comments:

1. Opinion on COVID and the vaccine and its use on people throughout the world.

2. (a) Supports the extension of the current information collection request to allow for outreach to institutions of higher education to meet the requirements of the CARES Act.
(b) Opposes the use of automated collection techniques or other surveillance forms of information technology.

Response:

The Department has reviewed the comments received. As a result, the Department has determined that the general comment received from an anonymous commenter about COVID and the vaccine is not relevant to the collection. The second anonymous commenter addressed two issues raised in the collection regarding (a) outreach to institutions of higher education to meet the requirements of the CARES Act. The commenter supports the collection, and the Department has acknowledged their support. The additional comment states the (b) opposition to automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. To respond, the Department is not involved in the collection of data covered by this request. The use of technology to collect data is left to the discretion of each individual institution of higher education (IHE) administering emergency student aid under HEERF.