

**Fresh Start Initiative Statement
for borrowers who defaulted before March 13, 2020
2023-2024**

The Fresh Start initiative restores Title IV aid eligibility for borrowers with loans in the following categories that defaulted prior to the start of the student loan repayment pause on March 13, 2020:

- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program loans (Direct Loans);
- Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans, including Federal Insured Student Loans (FISL); and
- Federal Perkins Loans (Perkins Loans) that are serviced by the Department's Debt Management and Collections System (DMCS).

The Fresh Start initiative states a school may award Title IV aid to the student in accordance with all normal student and program eligibility requirements provided the student signs and dates the following acknowledgement.

Student Acknowledgement

I, _____, understand that I am eligible for Title IV aid as a result of the
(Print student's name)
Fresh Start initiative. As a Fresh Start-eligible borrower, I understand that, by accepting Title IV HEA federal student aid during the Fresh Start period, I am agreeing to have my defaulted loans transferred to a new loan servicer – the company that will manage my loan - which will result in continued Title IV, HEA federal student aid eligibility beyond the Fresh Start period. I understand that this transfer may not occur immediately and that I can contact the holder(s) of my defaulted loan(s) to request transfer sooner.

(Student's Signature)

(Date)

(Student's ID Number)