

New TEACH Grant Online Tools

Students who receive grants through the U.S. Department of Education's (the Department's) Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program now have two new online tools available after they leave school to help manage the required annual TEACH Grant Certification and tracking of the TEACH Grant service obligation. It is important that students successfully and in a timely manner complete the TEACH Grant certifications and that they accurately track teaching service to help determine if and when service obligations are fully satisfied. If service obligations are not satisfied and acceptable certifications not completed, all TEACH Grant funds the student received will be converted to a [Direct Unsubsidized Loan](#) that he or she must repay with interest from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Highlights of new TEACH Grant Tools:

- The Department now offers the TEACH Grant Certification form and the TEACH Grant Life Circumstance Tracking Suspension form online for TEACH Grant recipients.
- These forms for download can be obtained by accessing [TEACH Grant Forms](#) on the Forms section of this web site, <https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/TEACHGrantFormList.do?cmd=initializeContext>

TEACH Grant Certification

- TEACH Grant recipients must complete the certification annually until the TEACH Grant service obligation is fully satisfied.
- The only TEACH Grant recipients exempt from annual certification are: (1) those who receive a TEACH Grant for the subsequent award year, (2) those with a TEACH Grant(s) discharged due to death or disability, and (3) recipients with an approved Life Circumstance Tracking Suspension in effect to temporarily suspend the period for completing the service obligation.

TEACH Grant Life Circumstance Tracking Suspension

- A TEACH Grant recipient who has left school and seeks to postpone the period for completing the service obligation may do so under limited conditions (In-School and some Military Service and Family and Medical Leave Act conditions) as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. The recipient must submit a request to the TEACH Grant Program for the suspension to be considered. Suspensions are for limited and specified time periods. When the suspension(s) end, the service obligation resumes and at that point may extend beyond the original eight years allowed.

If you have any questions about the online tools for TEACH Grant Certification or TEACH Grant Life Circumstance Tracking Suspension, please email or you may contact us by using the [Contact Us](#) link on this web site, <https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/contactUs.do?BORROWER=1>

New TEACH Grant Exit Counseling Session

Students who receive grants through the U.S. Department of Education's (the Department's) Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program are required to receive exit counseling before they leave the school where they received their TEACH Grant(s). Your school can choose to have you take the online session on the Direct Loan Servicing Web site or they may choose to administer exit counseling in person.

The TEACH Grant Exit Counseling will remind you of the terms and conditions of the service obligation you must meet after you leave school. It will also explain the repayment requirements that apply if you do not complete your TEACH Grant service obligation and your TEACH Grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

Highlights of the New Exit Counseling:

General:

- The Department of Education now offers online exit counseling for TEACH Grant recipients.
- TEACH Grant recipients must receive exit counseling before they leave school, at a time determined by their school.
- During the counseling session, recipients will be provided with information about the TEACH Grant service obligation, the conditions that will cause a TEACH Grant to be converted to a loan, and the repayment requirements that apply if a grant is converted to a loan.