

## Student Loan Entrance and Exit Counseling

First-time student borrowers must complete Entrance Counseling prior to disbursement of their federal direct loans. The Entrance Counseling is available at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>. The information includes:

- the effect of the loan on the eligibility of the borrower for other forms of aid;
- an explanation of the use of the Master Promissory Note;
- the seriousness and importance of the students' repayment obligation;
- information on the accrual and capitalization of interest;
- the fact that borrowers of unsubsidized loans have the option of paying interest while in school;
- the definition of half-time enrollment and the consequences of not maintaining half-time enrollment;
- the importance of contacting appropriate offices if student withdraws prior to completion of program of study;
- sample monthly repayment amounts;
- the obligation of the borrower to repay the full amount of the loan regardless of whether the borrower completes the program or completes within regular time for completion, is unable to obtain employment upon completion, or is otherwise dissatisfied with or does not receive the educational or other services the borrower purchased from the school;
- the consequences of default;
- information about the NSLDS and how the borrower can access the borrower's records; and
- the name and contact information for the individual the borrower may contact with questions about the borrower's rights and responsibilities or the terms and conditions of the loan.

Student borrowers must complete Exit Counseling shortly before they cease at least half-time study at the institution. The Exit Counseling is available at [http://www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls\\_SA/SaEcWelcome.do](http://www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls_SA/SaEcWelcome.do). The information includes:

- the average anticipated monthly repayment amount;
- repayment plan options;
- options to prepay or pay on a shorter schedule;
- debt management strategies;
- an explanation of the use of Master Promissory Note;
- the seriousness and importance of the students' repayment obligation;
- the terms and conditions for forgiveness or cancellation;
- a copy of information provided by the Department of Education;
- the terms and conditions for deferment or forbearance;
- the consequences of default;
- the options and consequences of loan consolidation;
- tax benefits available to borrowers;
- the obligation of the borrower to repay the full amount of the loan regardless of whether the borrower completes program or completes within regular time for completion, is unable to obtain employment upon completion, or is otherwise dissatisfied with or did not receive the educational or other services the borrower purchased from the institution;
- the availability of the Student Loan Ombudsman's office; and
- information about the NSLDS.