

Gainful Employment Disclosures



When: Effective July 1, 2011.

What: A school must disclose data for each of its gainful employment programs to prospective students.

Where: The school must list information on the home page of the program's website and in its promotional publications. (Refer to section §668.6(b)(2) for specific information.)

Details: For each program that meets the gainful employment definition, the school must disclose all of the following:

- ♦ Occupations the program prepares students to enter, including the name and Standard Occupational Classification code of each occupation, and links to the occupational profiles on the O*NET website at www.onetonline.org.
 - If the number of occupations related to a program exceeds 10, the school instead may provide links to a representative sample of those occupations for which the program's completers typically find employment within a few years after completing the program.
- ♦ On-time graduation/completion rate for students who complete the program within the normal time. ⁺Note that special rules apply to students who transfer into a program. (Refer to section §668.6(c)(2) for additional information.)
 - How to calculate:

$$\frac{\text{Students who complete program within the normal time}^+}{\text{Total number of students who completed the program during the most recently completed award year}} \times 100$$

- ♦ Typical cost to complete the program within the normal time⁺, including:
 - Tuition and fees.
 - Books and supplies.
 - Room and board, if applicable.
- ♦ Job placement rates.
 - The National Center for Education Statistics will determine the calculation at a future date.
 - If the school is required by its state or accrediting agency to calculate placement rates, it must use the state or accrediting agency calculation until the NCES formula is available. The school also must identify the state or accrediting agency. If the state or accrediting agency requires the school to calculate the rate at the school level, the school instead must calculate and provide the rate at the program level.
- ♦ Median debt* by award year, disaggregated by:
 - Federal Family Education Loan Program loans and Direct Loans.
 - Private loans.
 - Institutional financing plans. Note that this is defined as a loan, payment plan or extension of credit for which the student owes a debt to the school after completing the program.
- ♦ Other information that the U.S. Department of Education provides to the school about the program of study.

⁺Normal time is defined as the time required for completion of the program's requirements as stated in the school's catalog.

*Beginning 2012 the Department will calculate and provide to the school the applicable median loan debt data based on information that the school reports to the Department. For initial disclosures, however, the school must calculate the median loan debt and disclose that information in applicable publications.

Gainful Employment Reporting



When: Effective Oct. 1, 2011.*

What: The school must report specific data to the U.S. Department of Education for each student enrolled in a gainful employment program during an award year.

Where: The school must share information with the National Student Loan Data System via the existing enrollment reporting process.

Details: Specified data for the following award years:

- ♦ Initially for:
 - 2006-2007, to the extent information is available.
 - 2007-2008 and 2009-2010.
- ♦ Annually, as requested by the Department.

For each program that meets the gainful employment definition, the school must report, at a minimum:

- ♦ The total number of students enrolled in the program at the end of the award year.
- ♦ Information needed to identify each enrolled student and the student's school.
- ♦ Classification of Instructional Programs code**:
 - For students who *began* a program during the award year, the program name and CIP code.
 - For students who *completed* a program during the award year, the program name and CIP code, the date the student completed the program, the amount of private and institutional financing the student received, and whether the student matriculated to a higher credentialed program.
 - For each program, by name and CIP code, the total number of students enrolled at the end of the award year, along with information identifying those students.
- ♦ Schools also must report to the Department if they have no Gainful Employment programs of study.
- ♦ Other information the school must report as required by the Department. See draft reporting requirements at <http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1110.html>.

If the school is not able to provide information for any required data element for any required reporting year, it must report that omission to the Department and explain why the information is unavailable.

*** While regulations provide an Oct. 1, 2011, deadline for submission of data for award years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, ED subsequently published a Nov. 15, 2011, due date for the 2010-2011 data and stated that it also would accept data for those prior years until that date.**

****Classification of Instructional Programs is a catalog of instructional-program classifications and descriptions developed by ED's National Center for Education Statistics at www.nces.ed.gov.**