

Navigating the Road to Public Service Loan Forgiveness



PLSF Application & Employer Certifications

How do I apply for PSLF?



Overview

STEP 1	Identify Qualified Public Employers
STEP 2	Determine Student Loan Type
STEP 3	Consolidate Loans (FFEL, Perkins, Parent Plus), If Necessary
STEP 4	Apply for PSLF - Submit Employer Certifications Annually

Before you begin STEP 4, you'll need...

Employer Identification Numbers (EIN)

FSA ID and Password

Employment Dates (Start & End)



Annual Certification

Why Should You Certify Your Employment Annually?



To help track your progress toward qualifying for PSLF, you should submit the PSLF form annually or when you change employers. It will make it much easier once you are ready to apply for forgiveness after 10 years of employment in public service!



If you do not submit the PSLF form with your employment certification annually, then at the time you apply for forgiveness, you will be required to submit employment certification for each employer you worked for while making the required 120 qualifying monthly payments.



Log into the Federal Student Aid website





Click "Loan Forgiveness" → "PSLF"

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An official website of the United States government.	Help Center Submit a Complaint English Español			
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How to Fill Out and Submit the PSLF Form

You can fill out the PSLF form in one of two ways:

- You can use the **PSLF Help Tool** to assist you in starting the PSLF form. Once you enter your information, you'll be able to print the partially completed form for you and your employer to sign.
- Or, you can download the PSLF form and complete all sections on your own before submitting it.



1. PSLF Help Tool Click "Start" to begin

Using the PSLF Help Tool

Use the PSLF Help Tool to search for a qualifying employer, learn what actions you may need to take to become eligible for PSLF or TEPSLF, and generate the form you need. Each time you submit a form, we will evaluate your eligibility for forgiveness, and provide that forgiveness to you if you are eligible. After you submit your form, if you have Direct Loans and work for a qualifying employer, you will receive a count of the number of qualifying payments you have made toward both PSLF and TEPSLF from MOHELA.

For the best experience using this tool, we strongly recommend that you read Become a Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Ninja before getting started.

The PSLF Help Tool has been modified to align with the conditions under COVID-19 relief measures and the limited PSLF waiver through Oct. 31, 2022. To get the most accurate information, make sure to carefully read any section titled "Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency" and check out the limited PSLF waiver announcement.

Learn more about PSLF and TEPSLF.

Search for Qualifying Employers

Start

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Overview

It's important that you understand the PSLF and TEPSLF process and eligibility criteria. Qualifying payments must be made while eligibility criteria are met for your employer, loan status, loan type, and repayment plan. NOTE: There have been temporary changes that affect student loan borrowers because of the COVID-19 emergency. This tool has been modified to align with the conditions under COVID-19 relief measures and the limited PSLF waiver. Pay attention to information about the limited PSLF waiver or about COVID-19 emergency relief for student loans as you go through the PSLF Help Tool.

AFSCME Review employment history and add employers if necessary

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Add your past and current employers below to determine whether they qualify for PSLF and TEPSLF during the time of your employment.

Note: Only add your employment history for periods where you do not have approved employment certification (if applicable). If you've certified an employment period in the past, then you do not need to do so again.

Notes: 1) Previous or current employment information will only be provided below if you have used the PSLF Help Tool to submit a form in the past. You do not need to submit a new form for employment that has already been certified.

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Loan Tips Read about PSLF waiver that expired October 31, 2022





Application Details Select answer to "120 qualifying payments" question (If uncertain, select "No")





Complete/update personal information if necessary





Review & Save





Download PSLF Help Tool Form Click "Download the PSLF Application Form





$\mathsf{Print} \to \mathsf{Borrower} \operatorname{Sign} \to \mathsf{Employer} \operatorname{Sign} \to \mathsf{Submit}$





2. PDF Application and Certification Click "Download the PSLF form"

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PDF Certification & Application Form Borrower to complete Sections 1 & 2 (Personal information and PSLF status request)

	PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS EXPANDED PSLF (TEPSLF) CERTIFICAT William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loar	(PSLF) & TEMPORARY FION & APPLICATION)) Program	OMB No. 1845-0110 Form Approved Exp. Date 08/31/2023 PSFAP - XBCR
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2. To qualify	for forgiveness, I must be employed full-time by a qu	alifying employer when I apply	for and get forgiveness
3. By submit	ting this form, my student loans held by the Departm	ent may be transferred to FedLo	oan Servicing.
 If the Department before grade 	artment determines that I appear to be eligible for fo nting forgiveness to ensure that I continue to work f	rgiveness, the Department may or the employer.	contact my employer
 If I am elig Loans whe qualifying 	5. If I am eligible for forgiveness, the amount forgiven will be the principal and interest that was due on my eligible Direct Loans when I made my final qualifying payment. Any amount that I pay on those loans after I have made my final qualifying payment will be treated as an overpayment. I must continue to make payments on any of my other loans.		
 If I am not payments 	eligible for forgiveness, I will be notified of the deter I have made towards PSLF and TEPSLF.	mination, why it was made, and	how many qualifying

I certify that all of the information I have provided on this form and in any accompanying document is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that if I cease to be employed by a qualifying employer after I submit this



PDF Certification and Application Borrower to complete Section 3 (Employer information)

SE	CTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLET	ED BY THE BORROWER OR EMPLOYER)	
1. 2.	Employer Name: Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)	 10. Is your employer tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC)? If your employer is tax-exempt under another subsection of 501(c) of the IRC, such as 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6), check "No" to this question. Yes - Skip to Section 4. No - Continue to Item 11. 	
3.	Employer Address:	 11. Is your employer a not-for-profit organization that is not tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code? Yes - Continue to Item 12. No - Your employer does not qualify. 	
4.	Employer Website (if any):	 12. Is your employer a partisan political organization or a labor union? Yes - Your employer does not qualify. 	
5.	Employment Begin Date:	No - Continue to Item 13.	
6.	Employment End Date:	 Which of the following services does your employer provide? Check all that apply and then continue to Section 4. If you check "None of the above", do not submit this form. Emergency management 	
	OR	Military service (See Section 6)	
-	Still Employed	Public safety	
/.	Employment status: run-nine Part-nine	Law enforcement	
8.	Hours Per Week (Average)	Public interest legal services (See Section 6)	
	Include vacation, leave time, or any leave taken under the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993.	 Early childhood education (See Section 6) Public service for individuals with disabilities 	
9.	Is your employer a governmental organization?	Public service for the elderly	
	A governmental organization is a Federal, State, local, or Tribal government organization, agency, or entity, a public child or family service agency, a Tribal college or university, or the Peace Corps or AmeriCorps. Federal service includes military service.	 Public health (See Section 6) Public education Public library services School library services Other school-based services 	
	No - Continue to Item 10.	None of the above - the employer does not qualify	



PDF Certification and Application Employer to complete and sign Section 4

SECTION 4: EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYER)

By signing, I certify (1) that the information in Section 3 is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and				
belief, (2) that I am an authorized official (see Section 6) of the organization named in Section 3, and (3) that the borrower				
named in Section 1 is or was an employee of the organization named in Section 3.				
Note: If any of the information is crossed out or altered in Section 3, you must initial those changes.				
Official's Name		Official's Phone		
Official's Title		Official's Email		
Authorized Of	ficial's Signature		Date	



Additional Student Debt Resources

www.AFSCME.org

