

Subject: Action Required – Review and Add/Update 2021–22 TCLI Data

Dear Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory Liaison:

Federal Student Aid (FSA) reminds you that the 2021–22 year is available in the Teacher Cancellation Low Income (TCLI) Directory; the website can be found at [StudentAid.gov/tcli](https://StudentAid.gov/tcli). We ask state and territory liaisons to review their information and add 2021–22 data, or submit updates to previously reported data, as appropriate, using the guidance below. All updates to the TCLI Directory must be provided to FSA at [TCLI@ed.gov](mailto:TCLI@ed.gov) for uploading to the website, using the approved template attached to this email.

One of the eligibility requirements for teachers to receive loan forgiveness or cancellation under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, and the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program is that the teacher must teach at an elementary or secondary school or educational service agency (ESA) that serves low-income families and is listed in the TCLI Directory. In addition, teaching at a low-income school or ESA listed in the TCLI Directory is one of the requirements for satisfying the service obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

**It is important that a state or territory update its list of low-income serving schools and ESAs so that Direct Loan, FFEL, and Perkins Loan borrowers and TEACH Grant recipients who teach in that state can receive federal program benefits for which they may be entitled.**

In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) extended several pandemic flexibilities through June 30, 2022, including allowing schools to serve free meals to all children (as an extension of the USDA's National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO)). As a result, all states and territories are authorized by the U.S. Department of Education to use either their 2020–21 or 2019–20 TCLI listing for the current 2021–22 year. Alternatively, another measure of poverty (apart from eligibility for free and reduced lunch) in accordance with Section 1113(a)(5) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*, may be used to determine the 2021–22 TCLI listing. Either option is acceptable to allow for the most accurate count of low-income schools and ESAs for the 2021–22 year.

If you have questions about the TCLI website or process for submitting updates to FSA, contact us at [TCLI@ed.gov](mailto:TCLI@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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