

Perkins Loans

You may have all or part of your Perkins Loan canceled (including interest) for full-time employment in certain types of service, which are listed below. You must contact the PSU Bursar/Collections Office at the beginning of your service for the proper forms in order to request a cancellation.

Types of Teaching Service that are applicable to loan cancellation.

- Teacher in a public or nonprofit elementary or secondary school serving students from low-income families that is listed in the “Directory of Low Income Schools” published annually by the U.S. Department of Education.

Or

- Teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, or any other field of expertise that is determined by the state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers.

Or

- Special education teacher in a public or nonprofit elementary or secondary school system.

Cancellation Rates

For each completed year of full-time service for the above listed positions a portion of the loan will be canceled at the following rates: 15% of the original principal loan amount for each of the first and second years of service; 20% of the original principal loan amount for each of the third and fourth years of service; and 30% of the original principal loan amount for the fifth year.

- Staff members in a pre-school program carried out under the Head Start Act may have up to 100% of the loan canceled at the rate of 15% per year on the original principal loan amount.

Federal Loan Consolidation

Federal Perkins Loan Teacher Cancellation does not apply to Perkins loan that have been consolidated.

If you have questions please contact us by telephone at 503-725-4494 or toll free at 1-800-547-8887 ext. 4494.



PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY - NDS/PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM
TEACHER - DEFERMENT/CANCELLATION REQUEST

See Information and Directions on the back.

This form must be signed by an official in the school system or agency to certify the borrower's service.

PART I -- TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BORROWER

Name: Acct#: eMail:
Address: Street City State Zip Area Code & Phone

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WILL BE TEACHING FULL-TIME FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. TEACHING IN A PUBLIC OR OTHER NONPROFIT ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, FOR A FULL YEAR OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

School: County (or Borough or Parish)
Academic year starting: (Month/Day/Year) ending: (Month/Day/Year)
Check One:
1. High concentration of students from low-income families
2. Headstart
3. Special Education/Teacher of the handicapped
4. Teacher of Math, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual education or other area of Expertise (See back)
5. Qualified professional provider of early intervention services
For 3, 4 or 5 an employer certified job description must be attached the first time I file.

I claim exemption from payment of principal and interest on my Perkins Loan during the above stated period due to the indicated teaching position. I agree to notify the lending institution immediately upon termination of or change in my employment:

Signature _____ Date _____

COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED A YEAR OF TEACHING FULL-TIME.

I taught full-time in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school for a complete academic year or its equivalent as stated.

Academic year starting: month/day/year ending: month/day/year School: County: (or Borough or Parish)

Check one:
1. Low income; 2. Headstart; 3. Special Ed*; 4. Other (see above)*; 5. Qualified professional provider of early intervention services*
*If you have not already submitted an employer certified job description for this job, you must do so with this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

PART II - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

I certify that the information in Part I is true and correct.

OFFICIAL SEAL OR STAMP
(If none, include signed letter of certification.)

Signature & Title _____ Date _____

Name of School or School District _____

Address _____ (city/state/zip)

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: P.S.U. PO Box 202, Portland, OR 97207-0202
Contact Accounts Receivable at: 503-725-3440

PART III -- TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LENDING INSTITUTION

Principal balance outstanding after this transaction \$ _____

Principal canceled \$ _____

1st year/15%
2nd year/15%
3rd year/20%
4th year/20%
5th year/30%
Headstart, 15% all years
Listed in the Federal Register
Not Listed
Job description attached or in file

Signature and Title of Approving Official _____ Date _____

INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

- This form will not be processed if:**
- ▶ Borrower's signature is missing
 - ▶ Dates are missing or incorrect
 - ▶ Account Number is not listed
 - ▶ It is not certified.

Payments for periods before the borrower qualifies for deferment/cancellation can not be canceled or deferred. No payment made during a period for which a borrower qualified for a cancellation may be refunded unless the borrower made the payment because of the school's error.

POSTPONEMENT

The borrower must have a teaching position that reasonably appears to qualify for cancellation in order to postpone payments. *The school must be listed or a job description, showing that the position is that of a special education teacher or a full-time teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, or any other field determined by the state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers must be submitted with this form.* During deferment payments and interest do not accrue. A form to file for cancellation for the current year and deferment for the next year is sent near the end of the deferment period. *If the teacher has not signed a contract for the next year, he or she may copy the form to file for deferment as soon as the contract is signed or request another form at that time.* Forms may also be downloaded at: http://www.pdx.edu/bao/perkins_loan.html

CANCELLATION Cancellation rates are: 15% of the principal for each of the first and second years / 20% of the principal for each of the third and fourth years/ 30% of the principal for the fifth year
The Head Start rate is 15% for all years.

When the cancellation has been processed a copy will be sent to the borrower for his or her records.

Information from *The Federal Student Financial Aid Handbook (quotes and paraphrased to condense):* This information, and the *Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits* can be found at:
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/repayment/teachers/>

Definition of a teacher: A teacher is a person who provides direct classroom teaching, classroom-type teaching in a non-classroom setting, or educational services directly related to classroom teaching (e.g., school librarian, school guidance counselor). A supervisor, administrator, researcher, or curriculum specialist *is not* a teacher *unless* he or she *primarily* provides direct and personal educational services to students. *A borrower may receive teacher cancellation for teaching service performed in a preschool or pre-kindergarten program only if the state considers the program to be a part of its elementary education program.*

A person who provides one of the following services **does not qualify** as a teacher **unless** 1) that person is licensed, certified, or registered by the appropriate State education agency for that area in which he or she is providing related special educational services and 2) the services provided by the individual are part of the educational curriculum for handicapped children: - speech and language pathology and audiology, - psychological and counseling services - physical or occupational therapy, or - recreational therapy. **Special-education teachers**, including teachers of infants, toddlers, children, or youth with disabilities qualify. Children and youth with disabilities are defined as those from ages 3 through 21, inclusive, who require special education and related services because they have disabilities as defined in section 602(3) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (the Act). The Act defines a "child with a disability" as one (1) with mental retardation, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic disabilities; and (2) who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

To receive a cancellation for teaching, the borrower must be teaching in a **public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school system** and must be **directly employed** by the school system. A cancellation based on teaching in a school serving students from **low-income** families may be granted only if the borrower taught in an eligible school that is listed in the *Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits*. If a borrower is teaching at a school that is on the list one year but not in subsequent years, the borrower may continue to teach in that school and remain eligible to receive a cancellation for service in that school.

All elementary and secondary schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are considered to qualify ... Elementary and secondary schools operated on reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract with the BIA are also considered to qualify for this purpose. [These schools are not listed in the *Directory* so be sure we know they qualify under this provision.]

A full-time teacher in a public or other nonprofit elementary or secondary school in the fields of mathematics, science, foreign language or bilingual education or any other **field of expertise** that is determined by a state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers in that state. *For a borrower to qualify in a field of expertise, the majority of classes taught must be in the borrower's field of expertise.* A borrower who is teaching in science, mathematics, foreign language or bilingual education qualifies for cancellation even if the state has not designated the subject area in which he or she is teaching as a shortage area.

The borrower must teach full time for a full academic year or its equivalent. An "academic year or its equivalent" for teacher cancellation purposes is defined as one complete school year or two half years that are: - from different school years, excluding summer sessions, -- complete, -- consecutive, and - generally fall within a 12-month period.

A borrower can be considered to have been a full-time teacher for an academic year if he or she can obtain appropriate certifications that he or she has taught in two half-time teaching positions for a complete academic year in two elementary or secondary schools or in two secondary schools. A school may refuse cancellation for simultaneous teaching in two or more schools if it cannot easily determine that the teaching was full time.

A full-time staff member of the *educational part* of a preschool program carried out under the **Head Start** Act qualifies for cancellation.

A full-time **qualified professional provider of early intervention services** in a public or other nonprofit program under public supervision also qualifies. *Please call for information on the Department's definitions pertaining to this. (503) 725-4481*