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## **STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT & FINANCIAL PLANNING CHECKLIST**

As you prepare to graduate and embark on your career, understanding your student loan repayment options and responsibilities is especially important. To help you stay organized, we've created a Student Loan Repayment and Financial Planning Checklist.

CHECKLIST	RESOURCES
Access the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) for a history of federal loan borrowing	NSLDS.ed.gov
Identify the types of federal student loans, amounts borrowed and loan servicer(s) contact information	<u>NSLDS.ed.gov</u> <u>Contact federal servicer(s)</u>
Complete online exit counseling for federal student loan borrowing prior to graduation	StudentLoans.gov
Estimate monthly loan payments using loan repayment calculators	Loan Repayment tab at <u>http://www.stern.nyu.edu/finaid</u>
Access your credit report to find information on your private educational loans (if applicable)	Retrieve copy of <u>credit report</u> and contact private lenders(s)
Review important federal loan documents such as Direct Unsubsidized and Direct PLUS Master Promissory Notes	StudentLoans.gov
Review important loan documents such as Master Promissory Notes and communications for private student loans	Contact your private loan lender or servicer(s)
Keep contact information up to date	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Sign up to manage your account online and receive email communication	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Sign up for automatic debit and research borrower benefits or repayment incentives	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Know your payment amounts and due dates	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Identify the repayment plans available and review the costs associated with each	StudentAid.ed.gov or Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Research loan consolidation options	<u>StudentAid.ed.gov</u> or Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s)
Research deferment, forbearance, and other forms of payment relief, such as loan forgiveness	<u>StudentAid.ed.gov</u> or Visit the Loan Repayment tab at <u>http://www.stern.nyu.edu/finaid</u>
Understand student loan interest deduction (IRS Form 1098-E; Student Loan Interest Summary)	Contact <u>federal loan servicer(s)</u> or private lender(s); or Your tax advisor <u>http://www.ed.gov/1098-e</u>
For assistance finding a repayment option that best suits your needs	StudentLoans.gov/Repay