

Repayment Plans NYU – Stern School of Business



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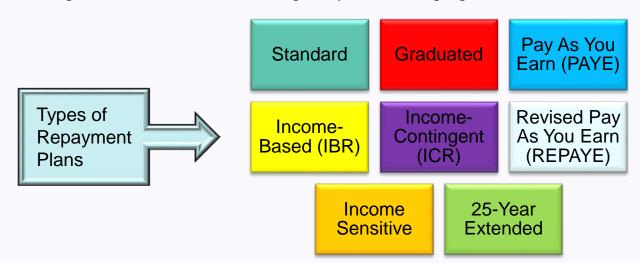
Successful repayment

Repayment Plans

Sometimes the right repayment plan makes all the difference in your ability to pay your student loan. The options are flexible, and there's sure to be one that will work for you.

Be aware that these repayment plans are not available on all loans, so check with your lender/loan servicer to find out which repayment options are available to you.

- Examine your financial situation carefully when you start repayment to make sure you use the plan that best meets your ability to pay.
- Changing your repayment plan is easy to do but usually requires that you submit your request in writing, since it is an official change to your existing agreement.





Types of Financial Aid: Federal Student Loans

Federal Student Loans

- Long-term, fixed-interest rate loans
- Can be either subsidized or unsubsidized
- Graduate PLUS loans
- Must complete the FAFSA to apply

William D. Ford Federal	Federal Family Education
Direct Loan	Loan (FFEL)
Loans made to students directly through the U.S. Department of Education.	Loans made to students by a bank or commercial lender.



Types of Financial Aid: Alternative (Private) Loans

These loans are not borrowed from the government, but rather directly from a lender and without certain benefits offered through federal student loan programs.

Alternative student loans are like common types of debt.

- ➤ Larger up-front fees
- > Higher interest rates
- More stringent repayment terms
- Must be creditworthy

Do your homework to determine if an alternative loan is the most beneficial option for you.



Grace Period

What is a Grace Period?

- Begins when you graduate, withdraw, or drop to less than half-time status
- You only get one, and it lasts 6 months
- You will receive your repayment obligation, which includes:
 - Date payments are to begin
 - Monthly payment amount
 - Repayment terms
 - Current principal balance
 - Interest rate





Does Every Loan have a Grace Period?

Loans with a GRACE PERIOD

- Stafford/Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized
 - 6 months after graduation
- Private
 - Contact lender

Loans without a GRACE PERIOD

- Grad PLUS
 - 6 months after graduation due to automatic 6-month post-enrollment deferment
- Consolidation
 - At graduation
- Prior loans where grace period has been used
 - At graduation



Interest Capitalization

- Accrued interest added to principal balance
 - Accruing interest on interest
- Frequency of Capitalization
 - Less frequent capitalization is better
 - When does capitalization occur?



If possible, pay down interest prior to entering repayment



Understand Your Options – Postponing Payments

Postpone Payments

Everyone experiences financial difficulty at one time or another. Fortunately, you can usually postpone loan payments under certain circumstances using a deferment or forbearance.

A deferment or forbearance may be the right choice to keep your loan from entering default.

Loan programs come with limited amounts of deferment and forbearance time, so use these opportunities wisely.



Student Loan Repayment

Deferments and Forbearance

- ➤ If you are unable to send payments during your repayment period, call your lender/loan servicer immediately.
- You may qualify for a temporary suspension of payments.

Common Types of Deferment

- > In-School
- > Unemployment
- Economic Hardship

Ignoring the problem is not a solution---call for help.



Know Who You Owe

National Student Loan Data Systems (NSLDS)

- ➤ NSLDS allows borrowers to obtain their personal information on all your federal student loans.
- ➤ The NSLDS website provides the borrowers' balances and past attendance status and identifies the lender(s)/loan servicer(s) of their federal student loan(s).

www.nslds.ed.gov

1-877-557-2575



Consolidation

Pros

One monthly payment with flexible repayment options

Reduced monthly payments

May qualify for renewed deferment benefits

Potential loan forgiveness eligibility

Defaulted loans can be consolidated to regain Title IV eligibility

Cons

Consolidation generally does not save money

Slightly higher interest rate

Loss of the remainder of the grace period

Loss of favorable benefits on Perkins loans such as subsidized interest and loan forgiveness

Some alternate repayment plans are available without consolidation

The Federal Direct Consolidation Program is free.

While it is not illegal for companies to offer student loan consolidation services for a fee, you can submit the application in **20 minutes** for no charge at www.StudentLoans.gov



Standard Repayment Examples

Eligible Loan Debt - \$75,000 (6.8% interest rate)	Standard Repayment
Months in Repayment	120
Monthly Payment	\$863.10
Total Interest Payment	\$28,572.30
Total Loan Payment	\$103,572.30

Eligible Loan Debt - \$150,000 (6.8% interest rate)	Standard Repayment
Months in Repayment	120
Monthly Payment	\$1,726.20
Total Interest Payment	\$57,144.59
Total Loan Payment	\$207,144.59

Examples from studentaid.ed.gov calculators

- This is the plan the borrower will have when entering repayment, unless the borrower requests otherwise
- The payment will be a fixed (equal) amount each month, although it could vary due to interest rate changes on a variable rate loan
- Monthly payments will be at least \$50
- 10 year repayment term (Standard plan for Consolidation Loans is 10 to 30 years based on balance)



Graduated Repayment Examples

Eligible Loan Debt - \$75,000 (6.8% interest rate)	Graduated	
Months in Repayment	120	
Monthly Payment	Years	Monthly Payment
	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-9 9-10	\$592.63 \$720.49 \$875.93 \$1064.91 \$1,294.65
Total Interest Payment		\$34,166.68
Total Loan Payment		\$109,166.68

Eligible Loan Debt - \$150,000 (6.8% interest rate)	Graduated	
Months in Repayment	120	
Monthly Payment	Years	Monthly Payment
	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-9 9-10	\$1,185.26 \$1,440.98 \$1,751.86 \$2,129.81 \$2,589.31
Total Interest Payment		\$68,333.36
Total Loan Payment		\$218,333.36

- Payments start low and generally increase every two years
- 10-year repayment term (Consolidation Loans may have a term of 10 to 30 years based on balance)
- Monthly payment is never less than the amount of interest that accrues each month
- No single payment will be more than three times greater than any other payment



Extended Repayment Examples

Eligible Loan Debt - \$150,000 (6.8% interest rate)	Extended Fixed	Extended Graduated	
Months in Repayment	300	300	
Monthly Payment	\$1,041.11	Years	Monthly Payment
		1-2	\$863.10
		3-4	\$901.30
		5-6	\$941.18
		7-8	\$982.83
		9-10	\$1,026.32
		11-12	\$1,071.74
		13-14	\$1,119.17
		15-16	\$1,168.69
		17-18	\$1,220.41
		19-20	\$1,247.42
		21-22	\$1,330.81
		23-24	\$1,389.70
		25	\$1,451.20
Total Interest Payment	\$162,332.45		\$186,366.76
Total Loan Payment	\$312,332.45		\$336,366.76

- Will pay a fixed or graduated payment amount
- Repayment term not to exceed 25 years
- FFEL borrowers must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding FFEL Program loans (for new borrowers as of 10/07/1998)
- Direct borrower must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loans (for new borrowers as of 10/07/1998)



Who Should Consider Income-Driven Repayment Plans?

Borrowers with high student loan payments relative to income

- Individuals who are experiencing financial difficulties
- Individuals pursuing lower paid social-service careers
- Recent graduates managing typical federal student loan debt in lowwage jobs or unpaid internships
- Individuals who may be underemployed or unemployed



Income-Driven Plans Overview

For more details on eligibility, go to www.studentloans.gov

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	Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)	Income-Based Repayment (IBR)	Income- Contingent Repayment (ICR)
Payment Calculation	10% of discretionary income Discretionary income = The difference between the borrower's AGI and 150% of the poverty guideline for their family size and state.	Generally 10% of discretionary income. There is no cap on the payment amount (may be higher than the 10-year Standard Repayment amount)	15% of discretionary income Discretionary income = The difference between the borrower's AGI and 150% of the poverty guideline for their family size and state.	20% of discretionary income Discretionary income = The difference between the borrower's AGI and 100% of the poverty guideline for their family size and state.
Who Qualifies	 New Borrowers as of 10/1/07; and, Obtains a new Direct Loan disbursement on/after 10/1/11. Partial Financial Hardship (PFH) 	Any borrower with eligible federal student loans may make payments under this plan.	Partial Financial Hardship (PFH)	Direct Loan borrowers
Eligible Loans	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to graduate or professional students, and Direct Consolidation Loans that did not repay a FFELP or Direct Parent PLUS Loan 	 Direct Sub/Unsub Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to grad. or prof. students Direct Consol. Loans that did not repay any PLUS loans made to parents These loan types are eligible if consolidated into a Direct Consol. Loan Sub/Unsub Federal Loans from the FFEL program FFEL PLUS Loans made to grad. or prof. students FFEL Consol. Loans that did not repay any PLUS Loans made to parents Federal Perkins Loans 	 Direct and FFELP Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct and FFELP PLUS Loans made to graduate or professional students, and Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans that did not repay a FFELP or Direct Parent PLUS Loan 	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to graduate or professional students, and Direct Consolidation Loans that repaid a FFELP or Direct Parent PLUS Loan (disbursed on/after 7/1/06)
Forgiveness	20 Years	20 years if all loans were for undergraduate study 25 years if any loans were for grad. or prof. study	25 Years	25 Years

Pay As You Earn

- Under Pay As You Earn, borrowers pay the lesser of:
 - 10% of discretionary income or what they would have paid under the 10-year Standard repayment plan.
 - Discretionary income for this plan is the difference between the borrower's AGI and 150 percent of the poverty guideline amount for his/her state of residence and family size.
- Interest subsidy benefit
 - If the monthly Pay As You Earn payment amount does not cover the interest that accrues on the loans each month, the government will pay the unpaid accrued interest on the borrower's Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans for up to three consecutive years from the date they began repaying under Pay As You Earn or IBR.
 - The three years does not include periods of Economic Hardship Deferment
 - Borrower must pay all interest on unsubsidized loans
- For Pay As You Earn, the remaining balance is forgiven after 20 years of qualifying repayment



Income-Based Repayment (IBR)

Under IBR, borrowers pay the lesser of:

- 15% of discretionary income or what they would have paid under the 10-year Standard repayment plan
- Discretionary income for this plan is the difference between the borrower's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and 150 percent of the poverty guideline amount for his/her state of residence and family size.

Interest subsidy benefit

- If the monthly IBR payment amount does not cover the interest that accrues on the loans each month, the government will pay the unpaid accrued interest on the borrower's Subsidized Stafford Loans (either Direct Loan or FFEL Loans) for up to three consecutive years from the date they began repaying under IBR or Pay As You Earn.
 - The three years does not include periods of Economic Hardship Deferment
 - Borrower must pay all interest on unsubsidized loans

25 year loan forgiveness

 If the borrower makes 25 years of qualifying payments and meets certain other requirements, any remaining balance will be cancelled

Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)

Who Qualifies:

 Any borrower with eligible federal student loans may make payments under this plan.

Payment Amounts

- Generally 10% of discretionary income
- There is no cap on the payment amount (may be higher than the 10-year Standard Repayment amount)

Repayment Period

- 20 years if all loans you are repaying under the plan were for undergraduate study
- 25 years if any loans you are repaying under the plan were for graduate or professional study

Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR)

- Each year the monthly payments are recalculated based on:
 - AGI (includes spouse's income if married)
 - The spouse's income will only be included if they file federal taxes jointly or are repaying under joint ICR
 - Family size
 - Total amount of the borrower's Direct Loans
- If payments are not large enough to cover the interest that accrues monthly, the unpaid interest is capitalized once each year
 - The amount capitalized will not exceed 10% of original amount owed when the borrower entered repayment
 - If the borrower's payments are not enough to cover the accruing interest, it will continue to accrue but will not be capitalized if the borrower has reached the 10% limit
- After 25 years, the remaining balance will be discharged



Standard \$863 /month \$103.572 total 120 months Graduated \$498 - \$1,494 /month \$111,450 total 120 months \$521 /month Extended Fixed \$156,166 total 300 months **Extended Graduated** \$425 - \$744 /month 300 months \$169.155 total Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE) \$270 - \$1,086 /month \$170.190 total 292 months Pay As You Earn (PAYE) \$270 - \$824 /month \$121.045 total 240 months Income-Based Repayment (IBR) \$404 - \$863 /month \$139.743 total 210 months IBR for New Borrowers \$270 - \$824 /month \$121,045 total 240 months Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) \$637 - \$790 /month 153 months \$113.553 total

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Income-Driven Repayment Examples

- Eligible Loan Debt \$75,000
 (6.8% interest rate/unsubsidized)
- Starting AGI \$50,000
 (AGI increasing 5% annually, Poverty Level Change Rate 3%)
- Family Size = 1



Standard \$2,187 /month \$262,383 total 120 months Graduated \$1.261 - \$3.784 /month 120 months \$282.340 total Extended Fixed \$1.319 /month \$395.621 total 300 months Extended Graduated \$1,077 - \$1,884 /month \$428.527 total 300 months Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE) \$270 - \$1,086 /month \$179.599 total 300 months Pay As You Earn (PAYE) \$270 - \$824 /month \$121,045 total 240 months Income-Based Repayment (IBR) \$404 - \$1.629 /month \$269.398 total 300 months \$270 - \$824 /month IBR for New Borrowers \$121.045 total 240 months Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) \$637 - \$2,344 /month \$398,555 total 300 months

Income-Driven Repayment Examples

- Eligible Loan Debt \$190,000
 (6.8% interest rate/unsubsidized)
- Starting AGI \$50,000
 (AGI increasing 5% annually, Poverty Level Change Rate 3%)
- Family Size = 1



Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) 10 years

The borrower may qualify for loan forgiveness earlier than 25 years (20 years if under Pay As You Earn) if they work full-time for a qualifying public service organization and make on-time full monthly payments under the repayment plans listed below. Payments made under these plans will count toward the 120 monthly payments that are required to receive loan forgiveness through PSLF.

- 10-year Standard Repayment Plan
- Income Based Repayment (IBR) Plan
- Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) Plan
- Pay As You Earn Plan
- Any other repayment plan if the monthly payment amount is paid is not less than what would have been paid under the 10-year Standard repayment plan

For more information on PSLF, please refer to the PSLF Fact Sheet and Q&As: www.studentaid.ed.gov/publicservice

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Payment Examples

Eligible Loan Debt - \$75,000 (6.8% interest rate/unsubsidized) Starting AGI - \$50,000 (AGI increasing 4% annually, Poverty Level Change Rate 3%) Family Size = 1	Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan	Income Based Repayment Plan (IBR)	Income Contingent Repayment Plan (ICR)	Standard Repayment Plan
First Monthly Payment	\$277.04	\$415.56	\$652.83	\$863.10
Maximum Monthly Payment	\$410.87	\$616.30	\$766.30	\$863.10
Total Interest Paid	\$40,822.81	\$48,525.50	\$36,769.87	\$28,572.43
Total Principal Paid	\$0.00	\$12,708.71	\$51,806.45	\$75,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$40,822.81	\$61,234.21	\$88,576.31	\$103,572.43
Remaining Principal Balance and Unpaid Interest	\$85,177.19	\$62,404.54	\$23,193.55	\$0.00
PSLF Total Loan Forgiveness	\$85,177.19	\$62,404.54	\$23,193.55	\$0.00



Borrower Resources

- National Student Loan Data System (identify your loans and servicers) www.nslds.ed.gov
- Federal Student Aid (FSA) Repayment Information
 http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/repaying.jsp
- PSLF Fact Sheet and Q&As: www.studentaid.ed.gov/publicservice
- Borrower Information and Employment Certification Form from FedLoan Servicing: www.MyFedLoan.org/PSLF
- Repayment Calculator and Estimator: https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/mobile/repayment/repaymentEstimator.action
- Federal Student Aid Ombudsman: http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/disputes/prepare



Who is Your Servicer?

Direct Loans initially are assigned to one of the following four ED servicers:

Servicer	Website	Phone Number
FedLoan Servicing	myfedloan.org	(800) 699-2908
Great Lakes	mygreatlakes.org	(800) 236-4300
Nelnet	nelnet.com	(888) 486-4722
Navient	navient.com	(800) 722-1300

Find more Servicer Contact Information on IFAP or call 1-800-433-7327.

Loan Servicing Centers for Students

