



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

September 15, 2023

Margaret Moran
Student Defense
1701 Rhode Island Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036

RE: FOIA Request No. 23-00186-F

Dear Margaret Moran:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated October 21, 2022, and received in the FOIA Service Center on October 24, 2022. Your request was forwarded to Federal Student Aid (FSA) to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

“A complete listing of all institutions that have been recertified as eligible to participate in Title IV, HEA programs from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022.

Please include any records of the following information:

- OPEID
- Institution Name
- State
- Institution Type
- Recertification Date
- Recertification Type
- Duration of New Certification
- Previous Recertification Date
- Previous Recertification Status”

Available for Public Access Link (PAL) download are 80 pages of fully releasable documents responsive to your request. The documents are as follows:

- FSA-List of Recertified Institutions September 1-31, 2022

You can access your PAL account or register for a PAL account at this link:

<https://foiaexpress.pal.ed.gov/app/PalLogin.aspx>

FSA provided copies of the report that is publicly available on the PEPS: Case Management Weekly Institutional Update Reports

<https://www2.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/PEPS/downloadfiles/statusreports/weeklystats.html>. The site only holds the last four weeks.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of Other. However, the Department has granted your request for a fee waiver; therefore, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department's FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation. They can be contacted by:

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You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

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Sincerely,
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