

Changes to Repayment

And what they might mean for you

September 2026



**AS OF JULY 1ST, 2026, MANY CHANGES TO
THE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT SYSTEM
ARE NOW IN EFFECT**

TAKE STEPS NOW TO AVOID BEING BLINDSIDED

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

1. A NEW INCOME DRIVEN REPAYMENT PLAN (IDR PLAN) HAS LAUNCHED; REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN (RAP)

2. THERE ARE 2 SEPARATE SET OF OPTIONS DEPENDING ON WHETHER YOU TOOK OUT ANY NEW LOANS (OR CONSOLIDATED EXISTING LOANS) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026

***BIG CHANGES FOR PARENT PLUS**

3. THE SAVE REPAYMENT PLAN HAS ENDED

4. THE GRAD PLUS LOAN PROGRAM HAS ENDED

5. THERE ARE NEW LOAN AMOUNT LIMITS ON STUDENTS AND PARENTS

I AM CURRENTLY REPAYING MY STUDENT LOANS, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

**IF YOU ONLY TOOK OUT LOANS BEFORE 7/1/26, AND
YOU DID NOT CONSOLIDATE AFTER 7/1/26; YOU STILL
HAVE ACCESS TO ALL PREVIOUS REPAYMENT PLANS:**

**The existing IDR plans (IBR, ICR, and PAYE) as well
as the Standard, Graduated and Extended plans**

YOU'RE IN REPAYMENT BUT CAN STILL BE EFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES IF:

1 You are enrolled in the **SAVE** repayment plan

2 You take out a new loan or consolidate after July 1, 2026

3 You want to be in the new **RAP** plan

4 You have Parent **PLUS** loans

THE NEW INCOME DRIVEN REPAYMENT OPTION: REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN (RAP)

Payments

Based on family size & income

No \$0 payments, \$10 minimum

Forgiveness?

Yes, 30 yrs

Good For

- PSLF eligible borrowers
- Loan payoff
- Pays accrued interest monthly

FFEL, Parent PLUS, and consolidation loans containing Parent PLUS loans are NOT eligible

Income Range	% of Income	Monthly Bill Range
Less than \$10,000	N/A	\$10
\$10,000 to \$20,000	1%	\$10 - \$16
\$20,000 to \$30,000	2%	\$33 - \$50
\$30,000 to \$40,000	3%	\$75 - \$100
\$40,000 to \$50,000	4%	\$133 - \$166
\$50,000 to \$60,000	5%	\$208 - \$250
\$60,000 to \$70,000	6%	\$300 - \$350
\$70,000 to \$80,000	7%	\$408 - \$466
\$80,000 to \$90,000	8%	\$533 - \$600
\$90,000 to \$100,000	9%	\$675 - \$750
More than \$100,000	10%	\$833+

RAP Red Flags!

- Expensive payments
- Longest forgiveness timeline
- Time in RAP does not count towards forgiveness in other IDR plans
- Not available for Parent PLUS loans, or consolidated loans containing PPLUS



THE NEW TIERED STANDARD PLAN

***ONLY AVAILABLE TO BORROWERS WITH LOANS AFTER 7/1/26**

Payments

Based solely on loan amount

\$50 minimum payment

Forgiveness?

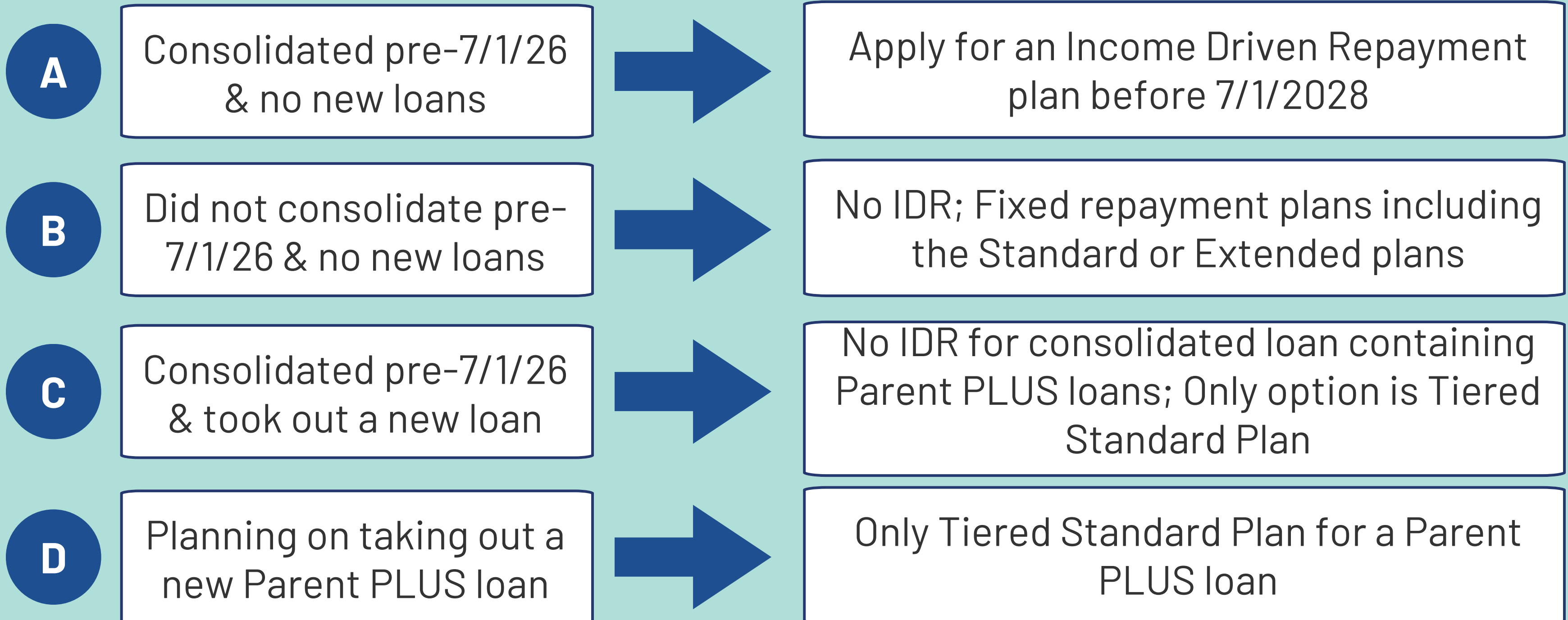
No, and does not count for PSLF

Good For

- Loan payoff
- High income; low loan balance borrowers

Loan Balance	Repayment Period
Under \$25,000	10 years
\$25,000 - \$49,999	15 years
\$50,000 - \$99,999	20 years
\$100,000 +	25 years

I took out Parent PLUS loans for my child's education – will I be impacted?



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Using the Tool

Step 1:

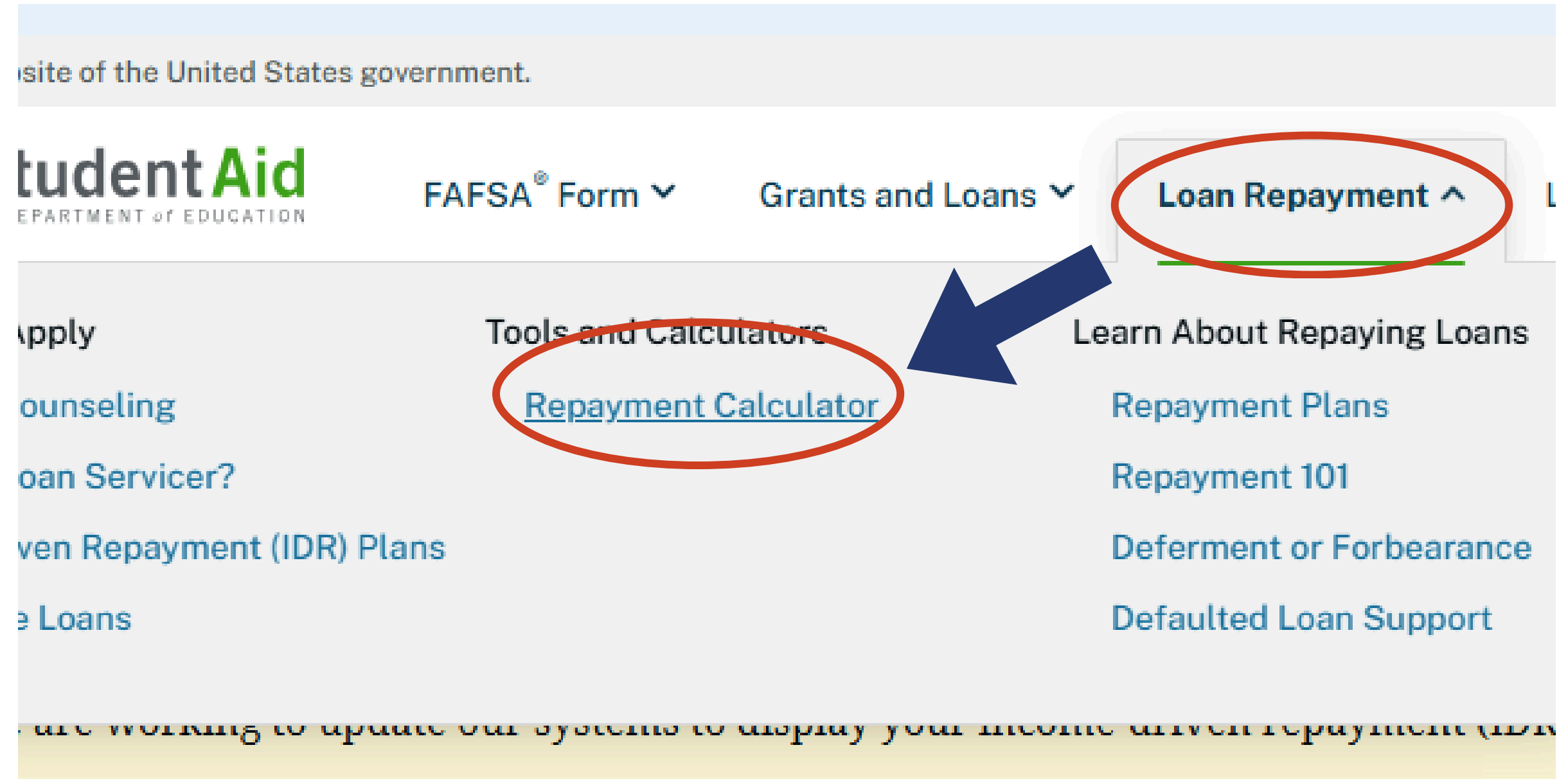
Log in with your FSA ID credentials to access personalized loan data.

Step 2:

Hover over the "Loan Repayment" menu in the top navigation bar.

Step 3:

Select "Repayment Calculator" to compare plans side-by-side.



Personal Information

Tax Filing Status

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Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)

\$		.00
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Dependents

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Other Dependents

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State of Residence

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OR

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We're Securely Importing Your Information



Success! We've Imported Your Information

We've securely received your information. Your details are hidden from view for your privacy, and you're now ready to see your repayment plan options.

[See Results](#)

Example Case

Filing Status

Married filing jointly

Adjusted Gross Income

Joint AGI = \$70,000

Dependents

1 Dependent

Total Debt

Loans: \$50,000

Timeline

First loan disbursed in 2012

⚠ Plan Ends on June 30, 2028

Pay As You Earn (PAYE) Repayment Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$242

⚠ The PAYE Plan will become unavailable no later than July 1, 2028. If you're enrolled in the PAYE Plan at that time, you'll need to switch to a different repayment plan to continue making payments.

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Extended Graduated Repayment Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$250 - 486

Payments start low and gradually increase every two years. You will repay your loans over an extended period of 25 years.

Total To Be Paid ?

\$105,150

Principal Paid ?

\$50,000

Interest Paid ?

\$55,150

Ending of Payment Balance ?

\$0

End of Term Date ?

Jun 2051

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Repayment Assistance Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$300

Monthly payments are based on a percentage of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), ranging from 1% to 10% depending on your income level, with a minimum payment of \$10 per month.

Total To Be Paid ?

\$75,088

Principal Paid ?

\$50,000

Interest Paid ?

\$25,088

Ending of Payment Balance ?

\$0

End of Term Date ?

Jan 2039

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Graduated Repayment Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$317 - 952

Payments start low and gradually increase every two years. You will repay your loans over 10 years (for most loans, but it is usually longer for consolidation loans).

Total To Be Paid ?

\$71,059

Extended Fixed Repayment Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$322

This plan allows you to pay a fixed monthly payment over an extended period of 25 years.

Total To Be Paid ?

\$96,645

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$363

Your monthly payments are limited to 15% of your discretionary income, depending on when you received your first loans.

Total To Be Paid ?

\$76,009

! Plan Ends on June 30, 2028

Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$488

! The ICR Plan will become unavailable no later than July 1, 2028. If you're enrolled in the ICR Plan at that time, you'll need to switch to a different repayment plan to continue making payments.

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Lowest Total Paid

Standard Repayment Plan

Monthly Payment ?

\$555

Fixed monthly payments are usually set at a 10-year repayment term, with longer terms possible for consolidation loans.

Total To Be Paid ?

\$66,612

READY TO APPLY?

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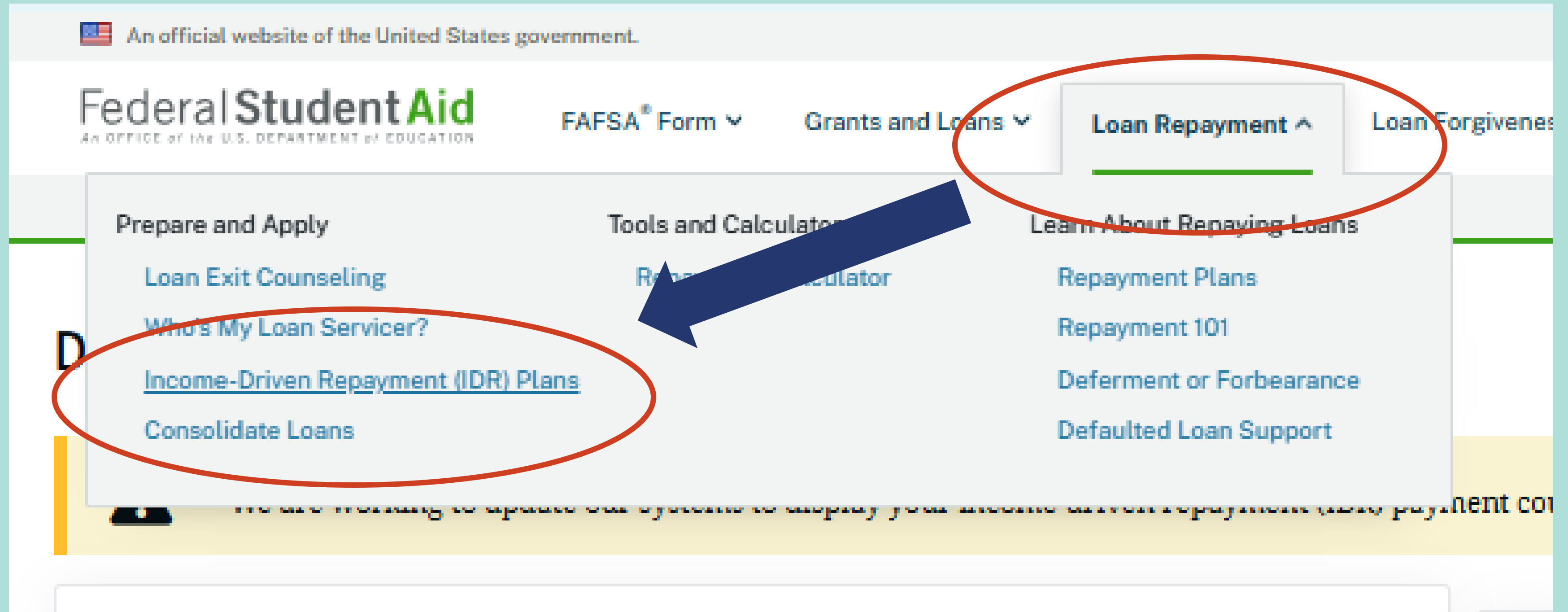
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Who's My Loan Servicer? Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans Repayment 101

Consolidate Loans Deferment or Forbearance Defaulted Loan Support

We are working to update our systems to display your income-driven repayment (IDR) payment con



The image is a screenshot of the Federal Student Aid website. At the top, there is a header with the text 'An official website of the United States government.' followed by the 'Federal Student Aid' logo and 'An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION'. Below the logo, there are navigation links: 'FAFSA® Form', 'Grants and Loans', 'Loan Repayment ^', and 'Loan Forgiveness'. The 'Loan Repayment ^' link is circled in red. A blue arrow points from this link to a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu has three main sections: 'Prepare and Apply', 'Tools and Calculators', and 'Learn About Repaying Loans'. Under 'Prepare and Apply', there are links for 'Loan Exit Counseling', 'Who's My Loan Servicer?', 'Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Plans' (which is circled in red), and 'Consolidate Loans'. Under 'Tools and Calculators', there is a link for 'Repayment Calculator'. Under 'Learn About Repaying Loans', there are links for 'Repayment Plans', 'Repayment 101', 'Deferment or Forbearance', and 'Defaulted Loan Support'. At the bottom of the page, there is a yellow banner with the text 'We are working to update our systems to display your income-driven repayment (IDR) payment con'.

TIME TO APPLY

New IDR Applicants



Apply for an Income-Driven Repayment Plan

There are several different IDR plans to choose from. You can compare IDR and fixed payment repayment plans within the application before you submit.

[Learn more about IDR plans](#)

Log In to Start

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Returning IDR Borrowers



Recertify or Change Your Income-Driven Repayment Plan

If your income or family size has changed before your recertification date, you can recertify immediately and/or ask for a plan recalculation. You can also explore other IDR options if you're interested in switching plans.

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SELECT SWITCH

☐ **Recalculate my monthly payment**

My income and/or family size has changed. I am requesting a recalculation of my current repayment amount based on these changes.

☒ **Switch my current plan**

I am interested in switching from my current repayment plan to a new IDR plan.

☐ **Manually recertify my IDR plan**

Because I manually applied for my IDR plan, I now need to recertify it, per the requirements of the plan.

SUCCESS!

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Contact Information Loan Information Personal Information Financial Information Repayment Plans Review and Submit



We have Securely Imported Your Information



Success! We have imported your information. Select "Continue" to view your repayment plan options.

The PAYE and ICR plans will be retired no later than July 1, 2028.

Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) Plan 📅 Lowest Monthly Payment

Any borrower with [eligible federal student loans](#) can choose this plan.

If you have a Direct Consolidation Loan that repaid a parent PLUS loan and was disbursed before July 1, 2026, you must enroll in and make at least one full payment on the ICR Plan before you can enroll in the IBR Plan.

✓ Selected

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Monthly Payment	Total To Be Paid	End of Term Date	Discharge Amount ⓘ
\$34	\$5,910	Sep 2040	\$0

Monthly Payment Amount	Payments are generally limited to 20% of your discretionary income ⓘ and could be higher than the 10-year Standard Plan amount.
Interest Accrual	Unpaid interest accrues .
End of Payment Term	Any remaining balance on your loan may be forgiven after 25 years (300 months) of qualifying repayment, if the payments are made on or before July 1, 2028. The remaining balance will be taxable.

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) Plan

Ideal if you expect to continue to have a low income or have graduate school debt. This can be a good option if all your loans were disbursed on or before July 1, 2026, and you don't expect to borrow more loans in the future.

Select

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Monthly Payment	Total To Be Paid	End of Term Date	Discharge Amount ⓘ
\$50	\$5,530	Sep 2035	\$0

Monthly Payment Amount	Payments are generally limited to 10% of your discretionary income ⓘ and will never be more than the 10-year Standard Plan amount.
Interest Accrual	Unpaid interest accrues . After you've made your full monthly payment, any remaining accrued interest on subsidized loans is covered by the government during your first three years in the plan.
End of Payment Term	Any remaining balance on your loan may be forgiven after 20 or 25 years (240 or 300 months) of qualifying repayment. The remaining balance may be taxable.

Repayment Assistance Plan 💰 Lowest Total Payment

Select

Ideal for low monthly payments based on your income.

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Monthly Payment	Total To Be Paid	End of Term Date	Discharge Amount ⓘ
\$161	\$5,062	Feb 2029	\$0

Monthly Payment Amount	Monthly payments are based on a percentage of your adjusted gross income (AGI), ranging from 1% to 10% depending on your income level, with a minimum payment of \$10 per month. ⓘ
Interest Accrual	Unpaid interest does not accrue when your payments are made in full and on time. After you've made your full, on-time monthly payment, any remaining accrued interest is covered by the government for the month in which your payment didn't cover the full amount.
End of Payment Term	Any remaining balance on your loan is forgiven after 30 years (360 months) of qualifying repayment. The amount forgiven will be taxable.

Compare to a Fixed Payment Repayment Plan

Standard Repayment Plan

Fixed monthly payments usually set at a 10-year repayment term, with longer terms possible for consolidation loans.

Contact your Servicer to apply.

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Monthly Payment	Total To Be Paid	End of Term Date
\$60	\$5,405	Dec 2033

Changes in Your Income

Has your income significantly decreased since you last filed your taxes? [?](#)



Yes, my income has significantly decreased



No, my income hasn't significantly decreased

Would you prefer to base your calculated payments on your imported information or have your loan servicer manually calculate them? [i](#)



Yes, I want to import my information



No, I want my loan servicer to calculate my payment amounts

- W2
- Paystub
- Employer letter certifying gross income
- Interest or dividend statement
- Bank account statement showing gross income and/or including a self-certified statement confirming it shows gross income



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IF YOU:

 **NEED HELP APPLYING**

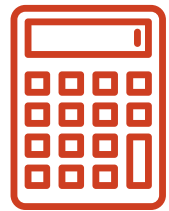


**WANT TO APPLY FOR A
FIXED REPAYMENT
PLAN**



CONTACT YOUR SERVICER

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD YOUR PAYMENT?



1. Go through the loan repayment calculator again

Found a more affordable plan? **Apply and switch.**



2. If you can't afford ANY plan

Call your servicer and request a **forbearance** (temporary payment pause)

- Prevents delinquency and default
- **Note:** Interest still accrues during this period
- This is a temporary fix, not a permanent solution

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