Publications

Federal Student Aid develops publications to assist in the administration of the Title IV federal student aid programs.

There are two types of publications - General Publications and Processing Publications. General program-related publications are under General Publications. Processing-related publications are under Processing Publications.

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**General Publications**
- Accrediting Agencies: List and Criteria for Recognition
- Audit Guidance
- Blue Book: Accounting / Recordkeeping / Reporting for the Business Office
- Campus-Based Awards
- Closed Schools Guide (DOC)
- Cohort Default Rate Guide
- Cohort Default Rate Guide for Lenders and Guaranty Agencies
- Counselors and Mentors Handbook
- Federal School Code List
- Federal Student Aid Handbook
- FFEL Special Allowance Rates
- FFEL Variable Interest Rates
- FSA New School Guide
- Perkins Cohort Default Rates (Orange Book)
- Program Review Guide
- Student Financial Aid Handbook for Foreign Schools

**Processing Publications**
- Application Processing System Specifications for Software Developers
- COD Technical Reference
- COD XML Schema
- Direct Loan School Guide
- EDE Technical Reference
- EFC Formula Guide
- FISAP Form and Instructions
- FISAP Technical Reference
- ISIR Guide
- SAR Comment Codes and Text
- School Electronic Process Guide
- Student Web Application Products Process Guide
- Summary of Changes for the Application Processing System