What’s new in 14-15 Verification
Verification Tracking Groups

• V1- Standard Verification

• V2- No longer used (was previously SNAP Verification)

• V3- Child Support Paid Verification

• V4- Custom Verification Group

• V5- Aggregate Verification Group

• V6- Household Resources Verification Group
Required Verification Items

• See DCL GEN-13-16 and Federal Register Vol. 78, No. 114 posted June 13, 2013

• Items remain the same as 13-14 with the exception of Other Untaxed Income.
  • Those in group Verification group V6 will be required to verify all untaxed information on the FAFSA for parent/student.
  • If income appears insufficient to support the members of the household, then further documentation demonstrating how the family was supported will be required.
Acceptable Documentation

• Nontax filers- Must request a “Verification of Nonfiling” from the IRS if filing status is questioned.
  • These are not issued until after June 15, 2014

• Child Support Paid- In addition on documentation already, listed as acceptable, institutions can now accept records of electronic payments as proof of CS paid.

• HS Completion Status- If HS completion has been verified for purposes other than Title 1V verification, this can be relied upon.
Acceptable Documentation

• HS Completed Abroad- Can Verify using a “secondary school leaving certificate” from the appropriate central government agency.

• Identity/Statement of Education Purpose- After examining original document, you can convert to an electronic document.
FAA Access Updates

- New feature added to report the outcome of Identity and High School Diploma/GED verification.

- Enter by student’s SSN, Name ID and the Results

- Options
  - Verification completed in person, no issues found
  - Verification completed remotely, no issues found
  - Verification attempted, issues found with identity
  - Verification attempted, issues found with HS completion
  - No response from applicant or unable to locate

- School is not exempt from reporting a code for students who do not enroll.
IRS Display Flags

- Identifies why a student/parent was not eligible to use IRS DRT
- Two sets of alpha-character codes will be created, one for students and one for parents.
Changes to Parent Info

• Students will be required to supply both legal/adoptive parent’s information if the parents live together regardless of marital status.
  • This include legal/adoptive parents who are of the same sex and live together.

• FAFSA will have new responses to Parents’ Marital Status
  • Never married
  • Unmarried and both parents living together
  • Married or remarried
  • Divorced or separated
  • Widowed
Changes to Parent Info

• Most recent guidance from ED (GEN-13-12 from April 29th, 2013) states that same sex couples will have to indicated “Unmarried and both parents living together”.

• Recent changes to IRS rules dictate that same sex couples who are legally married must use the Married Filing Jointly or Married Filing Separately status for Federal Tax Purposes.
  • Currently waiting on guidance pertaining to this change and how it will effect FAFSA completion and verification.
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