

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS (VA) AND THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED)
FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA)**

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act) (5 U.S.C. 552a), a computer matching agreement (CMA) shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months. Within 3 months prior to the expiration of such CMA, however, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) of both agencies may, without additional review, renew the CMA for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

1. Such program will be conducted without any changes; and
2. Each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the CMA.

The following match meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the officials authorized in section VII of this renewal of the CMA(Renewal):

I. TITLE OF MATCH:

Computer Matching Agreement between U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and U.S. Department of Education (ED), Federal Student Aid (FSA)

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: U.S. Department of Education,

Source Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

III. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

The CMA sets forth the terms, safeguards, and procedures under which the (VA) will identify data on Veterans who VA has designated as (1) having a service- connected disability rating that is 100% disabling, or (2) being totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, as described in 38 CFR § 3.4(b) and 38 CFR § 3.340, to (ED), (FSA). ED will use the VA disability data to contact those Borrowers who have Title IV Loans or who have debt or service obligations under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program and inform those Borrowers of ED's total and permanent disability (TPD) discharge process for individuals who have a Title IV Loan debt or TEACH Grant service obligation.

This matching program will assist ED in its obligation to ensure that Borrowers of Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations more efficiently and effectively apply for TPD discharge of their Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations. ED will send a notification to Borrowers who VA has designated as (1) having a service- connected disability rating that is 100% disabling, or (2) being totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, informing them that ED will discharge the Borrowers' Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations no earlier than 61 days from the date that ED sends the notification to the Borrower, unless the Borrower chooses to have their loans discharged earlier or chooses to opt out of the TPD discharge within 60 days from the date that ED sends the notification to the Borrower. The notices also will inform these Borrowers that ED has accepted VA data matched information in lieu of the Borrower's submission of a VA Statement with the Borrower's TPD loan discharge application, thereby simplifying the TPD discharge process for Borrowers.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH

Effective Date: May 31, 2021

Expiration Date: November 30, 2022

The above effective and expiration dates are based on Article XV of the CMA (“Duration and Modification of the Agreement”), paragraphs A (“Effective Date”) and B (“Duration”).

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES

Renewal Date: December 1, 2022

New Expiration Date: November 30, 2023

VI. CHANGES

None.

VII. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

Agency Certification

The signatory below warrants and represents that they have the competent authority on behalf of their agency to enter into this Renewal. As the authorized representative of the VA, the signatory below certifies that the current matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing CMA between the parties, and that they have reviewed and approved of the current matching program continuing without any changes for one additional year, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

/s/

Beth Murphy
Director,
Compensation Service
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date

Data Integrity Board Approval

VA's DIB has reviewed and approved of this Renewal of the current matching program continuing without any changes for one additional year.

/s/

Faith Roy
Chair
Data Integrity Board,
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date

The U.S. Department of Education

Agency Certification

The signatory below warrants and represents that they have the competent authority on behalf of ED to enter into this Renewal. As the authorized representative of ED, the signatory below certifies that the current matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing CMA between the parties and that they have reviewed and approved of the current matching program continuing without any changes for one additional year, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

/s/

Richard Cordray,
Chief Operating Officer,
Federal Student Aid,
U.S. Department of Education

Date

Data Integrity Board Approval

ED's DIB has reviewed and approved of this Renewal of the current matching program continuing without any changes for one additional year.

/s/

Kevin Herms
Senior Agency Official for Privacy Chair,
Data Integrity Board,
U.S. Department of Education

Date