

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
AND THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (Privacy Act), 5 U.S.C. § 552a, a computer matching agreement shall remain in effect for up to 18 months. However, within three months prior to the expiration of the agreement, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) of both agencies may extend the agreement for a current, on-going computer matching program, for a single period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

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

The following match meets the conditions for renewal upon the signatures of the designated representatives of the parties and of the Chairpersons of the parties' respective DIBs, as set forth below:

TITLE OF MATCH:

Computer Matching Agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: U.S. Department of Education (ED) Source

Agency: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

This Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) allows ED to receive information from VA to assist the Secretary of Education in his obligation to verify the status of applicants for financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, who claim to be veterans. This CMA covers the match of ED's Privacy Act system of records, currently entitled "Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21)," and VA's Privacy Act system of records, entitled "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records – VA" (58VA21/22/28).

EFFECTIVE AND ORIGINAL EXPIRATION DATES:

Effective Date: July 3, 2021  
Original Expiration Date: January 2, 2023

The above effective and original expiration dates are based on Article XIII of the CMA entitled “DURATION OF THE CMA,” paragraph A, “Effective Date” and paragraph B “Duration,” pursuant to which the effective date of the CMA began on July 3, 2021.

RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: January 3, 2023 New  
Expiration Date: January 2, 2024

CHANGES:

By this renewal, VA and ED make the following non-substantive changes in the CMA:

In Section I, “INTRODUCTION:”

- In the first sentence of the second paragraph, replace the reference to the system of records notice entitled “Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21).”

In Section II, “PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY:”

- Replace the third sentence of the first paragraph that reads, “The data collected from the FAFSA is stored and processed in an ED system called the Central Processing System (CPS),” with “The data collected from the FAFSA is stored and processed in ED’s Central Processing System (CPS) (for processing FAFSAs through award year (AY) 2023-24) and in ED’s FAFSA Processing System (FPS) (for processing FAFSAs for AY 2024-25 and beyond).”

In Section IV, “RECORDS DESCRIPTION:”

- Under paragraph A. (1), replace the reference to the system of records notice entitled “Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01) (data is stored and processed in the ED CPS system)” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21) (data is stored and processed in the ED CPS system for FAFSAs through AY 2023-24 and will be stored and processed in FPS for FAFSAs from AY 2024-25 and beyond).”

- Under paragraph B. (1), replace the reference to the system of records notice entitled “Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01) (processed by the ED CPS) elements matched,” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21) (processed by ED’s CPS through award year AY 2023-24 and will be additionally processed by ED’s FPS for AY 2024-25 and beyond) elements matched.”
- Under paragraph B. (3), replace the first sentence that reads, “ED will use the system of records identified as 18-11-01, entitled ‘Federal Student Aid Application File,’ most recently published in the *Federal Register* at 84 Fed. Reg. 57856 (October 29, 2019),” with “ED will use the system of records identified as 18-11-21, entitled ‘Aid Awareness and Application Processing,’ most recently published in the *Federal Register* at 87 Fed. Reg. 56026 (September 13, 2022).”
- Under paragraph B. (3), replace the second sentence that reads, “A copy of the published system notice, including routine uses 1(a) and 13, is provided in Attachment 2,” with “A copy of the published system of records notice, including routine use 1(a), is provided in Attachment 2.”
- Under paragraph B. (5), replace the last sentence that reads, “For ED, it is routine use 1(a) and 13,” with “For ED, it is routine use 1(a).”

In Section VIII, “SECURITY AND PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS:”

In the first paragraph, line 6-7, replace “Both CPS and ...” with “ED’s CPS and FPS, and ...”

In the paragraph immediately before subsection A, “Incident Reporting:”

- Replace the reference, in the second sentence, to “United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, (US-CERT)” with “U.S. Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA);” and, in the last sentence, to “US-CERT” with “CISA.”

In the first paragraph under subsection A, “Incident Reporting:”

- Replace the last sentence that reads, “CPS Owner’s Primary Representative, CPS Information System Security Officer (ISSO) or CPS Alternate ISSO,” with “CPS and FPS Owner’s Primary Representatives, CPS and FPS Information System Security Officers (ISSOs), or CPS and FPS Alternate ISSOs.”

In the last paragraph under subsection A, “Incident Reporting:”

- Replace “(e.g., US-CERT)” with “(e.g., CISA).”

In Section X, “RECORDS USE, DUPLICATION AND REDISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS:”

- In the first sentence of the second paragraph, replace the reference to ED’s system of records entitled “Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01)” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21).”
- In the last sentence of the second paragraph, replace the reference to “Federal Student Aid Application File” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing.”

In Section XI, “RECORDS ACCURACY ASSESSMENT:”

- In the first and second sentences of the first paragraph, replace the reference to “ED’s Federal Student Aid Application File” with “ED’s Aid Awareness and Application Processing.”

In Section XIV, “PERSONS TO CONTACT:”

- Replace “ED Contact” with “ED Contacts” and add the following under “ED Contacts” before “VA Contacts:”

**Computer Matching Issues**

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**Security and Privacy Issues**

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- Under “VA Contacts,” replace:

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with:

**Business Contact**

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In the Attachment references on the last page, under “Attachment 2:”

- Replace “Federal Student Aid Application File (18-11-01) - most recently published in the *Federal Register* at 84 FR 57856 (October 29, 2019) and available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/10/29/2019-23581/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>” with “Aid Awareness and Application Processing (18-11-21) – most recently published in the *Federal Register* at 87 FR 56026 (September 13, 2022) and available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/13/2022-19890/privacy-act-of-1974-system-of-records>.”

AGENCY CERTIFICATION:

As designated representatives of the parties, we certify that the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing CMA between the parties. We also agree to conduct the matching program without any substantive change to the current matching program, subject to the approval of the respective DIBs.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Source Agency:

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/s/  
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Beth Murphy  
Executive Director  
Compensation Service  
Veterans Benefits Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

10/24/2022  
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Date

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/s/  
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Dr. Nilijah E. Carter  
Executive Director  
Pension and Fiduciary Service  
Veterans Benefits Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

10/28/2022  
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Date

Recipient Agency:

  
/s/

10/04/2022

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

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Date

DATA INTEGRITY BOARD APPROVAL:

In accordance with the certification provided by the Agencies of the ongoing matching program, the DIBs of both Agencies agree to renew the current matching program for one additional year.

This CMA between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shall continue in effect from January 3, 2023, and shall expire on January 2, 2024.

/s/

12/02/2022

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John Oswalt  
Chair, Data Integrity Board  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Date

  
/s/

10/24/2022

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

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Date