

Increase in UEH Reason Codes on ISIRs

FSA recently sent out a higher than usual amount of ISIRs with a UEH reason code. The increase was caused by the UEH code being disabled in late June, and it was then restarted on September 13. When the code was reenabled, a catch-up batch of ISIRs was generated for the gap period. The NSLDS team has confirmed that the code is being triggered correctly now.

As a reminder, Per 34 CFR 668.19, institutions must review NSLDS information prior to disbursement. Volume 1, Chapter 3 provides a robust discussion of NSLDS Financial Aid History and schools' responsibilities for reviewing that information. Specifically, the handbook says the following about changes to the student's history after the initial screening:

"Once you receive the financial aid history through NSLDS, you aren't required to check for changes to the data before disbursing funds to the student. But if you learn from NSLDS or another source that the student was not or is no longer eligible, you must not disburse any more Title IV funds and must help make sure the student arranges to repay the aid for which they weren't eligible."

If a student has a UEH flag added to his/her record after all aid is disbursed for the aid year (e.g., 2025-26), the school is not obligated to complete the UEH review steps, outlined under "Resolving Unusual Enrollment History Flags" in Volume 1, Chapter 3 of the FSA Handbook. However, if the student has additional pending disbursements for the award year, the school must resolve the UEH flag prior to making any further disbursements, including late or post-withdrawal disbursements (if applicable).

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this issue may have caused.