

Confirm Your Past or Present Employer is a Qualified Public Service Employer

Who is a PSLF Qualified Employer?

- All government (federal, state, local and tribal)
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations qualify
- Some other non-profit organizations qualify if they provide qualifying services (e.g., military, law enforcements, public library services, etc.)

Who is NOT a PSLF Qualified Employer?

- Union employment and political organizations do not qualify
- For-profit employers do not qualify

What information do you need?

✓ Your FSA ID

- If you haven't logged into a U.S. Department of Education website since May 10, 2015, you probably do not have a FSA ID.
 - If you do not have an ID, you should create an account on the studentaid.gov log-in screen.

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

- You should collect the EIN for all of your public service employers since October 2007.
- This number can be found on your W-2 tax form.
 - If you cannot locate your W-2, you should contact the employer for this information.

Employment Dates

 Start and end dates of your employment with each employer

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Log in at https://studentaid.gov/

You Are America's Smartest Investment Log In The U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides more than \$120 billion in financial aid to help h year. **Create Account** Log In 🖒 FSA ID Username, Email, or Mobile Phone ? Forgot My Username Password Show Password ? Forgot My Password Log In or Create an Account



Select "Manage Loans" and PSLF

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				Discharge in Bankruptcy	
				False Certification Discharge	



Select "PSLF Help Tool"

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

If you are employed by a U.S. federal, state, local, or tribal government or not-for-profit organization, you might be eligible for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Keep reading to see whether you might qualify.

Qualifying for PSLF

Qualifying Employer

Full-time Employment

Eligible Loans

Qualifying Payments

Qualifying Repayment Plans

PSLF Process

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Employment Certification

Tax on Forgiveness

Important Limited PSLF Waiver Opportunity

On Oct. 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced a temporary period during which borrowers may receive credit for payments that previously did not qualify for PSLF or TEPSLF. <u>Learn more about this</u> limited PSLF waiver.

The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

PSLF Resources

- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool
- <u>Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) & Temporary Expanded PSLF</u> (<u>TEPSLF</u>) <u>Certification & Application</u>
- Limited PSLF Waiver Information
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program FAQ

Click "Start" & Read "PSLF Help Tool Overview"

Start

Using the PSLF Help Tool

Use the PSLF Help Tool to search for a qualifying employer, learn what actions you may need to take to become eligible for PSLF or TEPSLF, and generate the form you need. Each time you submit a form, we will evaluate your eligibility for forgiveness, and provide that forgiveness to you if you are eligible. After you submit your form, if you have Direct Loans and work for a qualifying employer, you will receive a count of the number of qualifying payments you have made toward both PSLF and TEPSLF from FedLoan Servicing. For the best experience using this tool, we strongly recommend that you read <u>Become a Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Ninja</u> before getting started.

The PSLF Help Tool has been modified to align with the conditions under <u>COVID-19 relief measures</u> and the limited PSLF waiver through Oct. 31, 2022. To get the most accurate information, make sure to carefully read any section titled "Special Notice for the COVID-19 Emergency" and <u>check out the limited PSLF waiver announcement</u>.

Learn more about **PSLF** and **TEPSLF**.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Help Tool Overview

It's important that you understand the PSLF and TEPSLF process and eligibility criteria. Qualifying payments must be made while eligibility criteria are met for your employer, loan status, loan type, and repayment plan. NOTE: There have been temporary changes that affect student loan borrowers because of the COVID-19 emergency. This tool has been modified to align with the conditions under COVID-19 relief measures and the limited PSLF waiver. Pay attention to information about the limited PSLF waiver or about COVID-19 emergency relief for student loans as you go through the PSLF Help Tool.

Eligibility Criteria



Employer Eligibility

Employer eligibility only depends on your employer, and not on the work you do for your employer. This tool will allow you to search our employer database to find out if the employer that will certify your employment qualifies for PSLF and TEPSLF.

Note: If at least one day of your employment falls within a period during which we determined your employer to be eligible, you will be able to complete the PSLF





Qualified Employer Search

- Create a list of your employers since
 October 2007 to determine if they qualify for PSLF.
- To begin, click the "+ Add Employer" box







- To search for an employer, type in the Employer Identification Number (EIN) without the dashes and your employment start and end dates.
 - If you are searching for your current employer, turn on the "This is my current employer" button and provide your employment start date.



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- The results of your employer search will appear on the screen.
 - If your employer has been designated as a qualified public service employer, the results will display a green "Eligible" tag.
 - If your employer has not already been designated as a qualified public service employer, the results will display with gold "Likely Ineligible" tag.
 - If you believe your employer meets the PSLF eligibility requirements, you should select it on the list and proceed with the process.
 - If a determine has already been made that your employer does not qualify as a public service employer, the results will display with a red "Not Eligible" tag.

Search Results

- Review all search results before choosing the option to manually add your employer on the last page of results. If you recognize the name of the employer that resulted from your search, we strongly encourage you to select a result that relates to your employer's name. You should do this even if
 - the name differs slightly,
 - the name is for a larger organization or agency that your employer belongs to,
 - there is no address,
 - the address is different from where you typically work, or
 - the address is a P. O. Box.

Please note that many state and local governments use a common EIN to pay their employees so you should select the appropriate result below if one displays. Likewise, many federal agencies share EINs so you may need to click through multiple pages to find your employer. As a last resort, you can manually add the name of your employer, however, doing so will add review time and delay your PSLF form.

0	14-6013200 State of New York No address on file	Eligible ?
\bigcirc	59-3597803 THE VILLAGES CHARTER SCHOOL No address on file	Likely Ineligible (?)
\bigcirc	91-1646860 AMAZON COM INC No address on file	• Not Eligible ?



- Review the search results before selecting your employer and choose the employer whose name and address best matches information in your records.
- Click continue and confirm what types of federal student loans you have. (See Guide on Student Loan Types for instructions)

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	14-6013200	Eligible ?
0	State of New York	
	No address on file	
	14-6013200	✓ Eligible ?
О	State of New York - All Employees	
	No address on file	

If no results are found for your employer, or you believe your employer is incorrectly labeled with a red "Not Eligible" tag, you should manually add the employer to your list. The Department of Education will review the information you provide and determine if the employer qualifies for PSLF.

Are you sure you want to manually add your employer?

It will take longer to get your PSLF form or for your PSLF form to be approved if you do not use an employer from the database. You can and should use the database results whenever possible, including if:

- the database displays a state, but you work for an agency of the state,
- the name of the organization you work for is different in the database from how you refer to the organization but you generally recognize the name, or
- the address of the organization in the database is different from where you regard the organization as being located.

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No results were found using the Employer Identification Number (EIN) you entered. While we have many employers in our database, we do not have every employer. Manually adding your employer will help us expand the database to ensure that more employers are available.

I've already searched for my employer but want to manually add it instead.

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General Employer Information

Employer Type

Select

Employer Name

Employer Website - optional

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Return to Results

Add Employer Manually