

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2026–SCC–1651]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Borrower Defense to Loan Repayment Universal Forms**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2026–SCC–1651. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to Carolyn Rose, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202–1200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carolyn Rose, (202) 453–5967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested

data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Borrower Defense to Loan Repayment Universal Forms.

OMB Control Number: 1845–0163.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 83,750.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 217,750.

Abstract: This is a request for a renewal without change of 1845–0163 Borrower Defense to Loan Repayment Universal Forms. The Department uses the information provided on the Universal Borrower Defense Application and Request for Reconsideration forms to determine eligibility for a borrower defense discharge.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**Notice Announcing Career Pathways Exploration Program Competition****AGENCY:** Department of Education, Department of Labor.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting applications in support of the administration of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Career Pathways Exploration (CPE) program, Assistance Listing Number 84.424], on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

DATES: Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *Grants.gov* “APPLY” function by

11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time June 9, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivonne Jaime. Telephone: (202) 987–1702. Email: CareerPathways@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Career Pathways Exploration (CPE) program provides competitive grants to States to build their capacity to integrate career exploration into statewide career pathways and workforce readiness programs. The CPE program will help ensure access to opportunities that expose students to real-life workforce realities through a variety of career pathways programs that are aligned with State priorities.

The FY 2026 competition includes two absolute priorities, one competitive preference priority, selection criteria, and requirements. The absolute priorities are: (1) Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness—Career Pathways Exploration and (2) Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness—Workforce Readiness. The competitive preference priority is: (1) Talent Marketplaces. *Maximum Award:* \$3,000,000 per year.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants for this program are States (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 7801(48)). The governor must either apply, or identify, designate, or endorse one of the following entities to apply for this program:

- (a) State educational agencies (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 7801(49)),
- (b) State workforce development agencies,
- (c) State vocational rehabilitation agencies, or
- (d) Consortia of these entities, including the governor, as a group application under 34 CFR 75.127–129.

Note: Only one application per State may be submitted to this grant competition. If an entity other than the governor is the applicant, the application must contain a signed letter from the governor identifying, designating, or endorsing the application on behalf of the State. *Program Authority:* 20 U.S.C. 7113(a)(3).

To Apply: The complete funding opportunity announcement and all information needed to apply, including the priorities, selection criteria, and requirements, are available on ED's website at <https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-birth-grade-12/school-and-community-improvement-grants/career-pathways-exploration-program-84424j>, on DOL's website at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/grants/apply/find-opportunities>, and on *Grants.gov* at <https://www.grants.gov/>