

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed information collection including each proposed extension of an existing information collection, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of its intent to request approval for an existing collection in use without a currently approved OMB control number relating to the granting of exemptions from registration as a Derivatives Clearing Organization (“DCO”). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: Exemption from Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration (OMB Control No. 3038–0117). This is a request for approval for an extension of an existing collection.

Abstract: This information collection is associated with CFTC regulations codifying the policies and procedures that the Commission follows with respect to granting exemptions from registration as a DCO for the clearing of proprietary swaps for U.S. persons and futures commission merchants (“FCMs”). The rules include reporting requirements that are collections of information requiring approval under the PRA. Specifically, section 39.6 of the Commission’s regulations specifies the conditions and procedures under which a clearing organization may apply for exemption from registration as a DCO, the information that must be provided to the Commission to obtain and maintain such exemption, and procedures for termination of an exemption. See 17 CFR 39.6. The information that is collected under these regulations is necessary for the Commission to determine whether a

clearing organization qualifies for exemption from DCO registration, to evaluate the continued eligibility of the exempt DCO for exemption from registration, to review compliance by the exempt DCO with any conditions of such exemption, or to conduct its oversight of U.S. persons and the swaps that are cleared by U.S. persons through the exempt DCO.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CFTC, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the CFTC’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The provisions of Part 39 of the CFTC’s Regulations include reporting requirements that constitute information collections within the meaning of the PRA. With respect to the ongoing reporting obligations associated with exemption from DCO registration, the CFTC believes that exempt DCOs incur an aggregate annual time-burden of 335 hours.

Respondents/affected entities: Derivatives Clearing Organizations.

Estimated number of respondents: 10.

Estimated average burden hours per respondent: 34 hours.¹

Estimated total annual burden hours on respondents: 335 hours.

Frequency of collection: Daily, quarterly, yearly, on occasion.

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: June 5, 2026.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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¹ Average burden hours per respondent rounded to the nearest full hour.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI or Committee), Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access or participate in the July 22 & 23, 2026, meeting of NACIQI, and provides information to members of the public regarding the meeting, including requesting to make written or oral comments. Committee members will meet in-person. Agency representatives have the option to meet in-person or virtually, and public attendees will participate virtually. The notice of this meeting is required under 5 U.S.C. Chapter 10 (commonly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act) and Section 114(d)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

DATES: The NACIQI meeting will be held on July 22 & 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Barnard Auditorium, Washington, DC 20202 [Only NACIQI members, accrediting agency representatives, and Department of Education staff will participate in the meeting at this address].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Alan Smith, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official (DFO), NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453–7757, or email: George.Alan.Smith@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority and Function: NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1011c). NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2, part H, title IV of the HEA, as amended;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under title IV of the HEA,

together with recommendations for improvement in such process;

- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

Meeting Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a review of applications for renewal of recognition submitted by seven accrediting agencies and one compliance report submitted by a State agency.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition

1. Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of postsecondary, nondegree-granting institutions and degree-granting institutions, including those granting associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees, that are predominantly organized to educate students for occupational, trade and technical careers, and including institutions that offer programs via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

2. American Osteopathic Association, Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Provisional Accreditation") of freestanding institutions of osteopathic medicine and of osteopathic medical programs leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

3. Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of institutions and programs that award postsecondary certificates, postsecondary diplomas, academic associate degrees and occupational associate degrees, in the practice of massage therapy, bodywork, and aesthetics/esthetics and skin care, including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

4. Council on Occupational Education. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy Status") of postsecondary occupational education institutions offering non-degree and applied

associate degree programs in specific career and technical education fields, including institutions that offer programs via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

5. Midwifery Education Accreditation Council. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation of direct-entry midwifery educational institutions and programs conferring degrees and certificates, including the accreditation of such programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

6. National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences, Inc. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences and massage therapy, leading to a certificate, diploma, or occupational associate degree, including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

7. National Nurse Practitioner Residency and Fellowship Training Consortium. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of nurse practitioner (NP) and joint nurse practitioner and physician assistant/associate postgraduate residency and fellowship training programs. This recognition also extends to the agency's Appeals Panel. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

Compliance Report

1. Kansas State Board of Nursing. Scope of Recognition: State agency for the approval of nurse education. The compliance report includes findings of noncompliance with the criterion found at 34 FR 587644 (Jan. 16, 1969) identified in the May 28, 2024, letter from the senior Department official following the February 27, 2024, NACIQI meeting, available at: <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/#/public-documents>.

To ensure sufficient time for all agency reviews, including NACIQI questions and discussion, the Department requests that the agencies limit their opening statements to 10 minutes (total for one or more statements), and that the agencies avoid extended discussions about agency representatives and their backgrounds. Following the brief opening statement, the agency's presentation should focus on the regulatory criteria, and in particular, responses to areas where Department staff has recommended a finding of noncompliance or substantial

compliance, or where other concerns have been raised that the agency would like to address. However, the agency should expect that questions from NACIQI members may focus on other areas.

Instructions for Accessing the Meeting Registration

You may register for the meeting on your computer using the link below. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing personalized participation links for the meeting no later than 8:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 22, 2026.

Registration Link

<https://cvent.me/wVzY2o>.

Public Comment

Submission of requests to make an oral comment regarding a specific accrediting agency under review, or to make an oral comment or written statement regarding other issues within the scope of NACIQI's authority:

Opportunity to submit a written statement regarding a specific accrediting agency under review was solicited by previous **Federal Register** notices published on November 06, 2024 (89 FR 88046; Document Number 2024-25785), April 04, 2025 (90 FR 14815; Document Number 2025-05853) and September 29, 2025 (90 FR 46583; Document Number 2025-18865). The period for submission of such statements is now closed. Additional written statements regarding a specific accrediting agency or State approval agency under review will not be accepted at this time. However, members of the public may submit written statements regarding other issues within the scope of NACIQI's authority, as outlined under Section 114 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1011c).

Members of the public may make oral comments regarding a specific accrediting agency under review or other issues within the scope of NACIQI's authority. Oral comments may not exceed three minutes. Oral comments about an agency's recognition when a compliance report has been required by the senior Department official or the Secretary must relate to the criteria for recognition cited in the senior Department official's letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary's appeal decision, if any. Oral comments about an agency seeking expansion of scope must be directed to the agency's ability to serve as a recognized accrediting agency with respect to the kinds of institutions or programs requested to be added. Oral comments about the renewal of an

agency's recognition must relate to its compliance with the criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, which are available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-602?toc=1>.

Instructions on Requesting To Make Public Comment

To request to make oral comments of three minutes or less or to submit a written statement to NACIQI concerning its work outside of a specific accrediting agency under review during the July 22 & 23, 2026, meeting, please follow the instructions below.

Submit an email to the ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov mailbox. Please do not send material directly to NACIQI members. To be considered for the current cycle review, written statements and requests to make oral comment must be received by July 15, 2026, and include the subject line "Oral Comment Request: (agency name)," "Oral Comment Request: (subject)" or "Written Statement: (subject)." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number, of the person(s) submitting a written statement or requesting to speak. All individuals submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI website <https://sites.ed.gov/naciqi/archive-of-meetings/> within 90 days after the meeting. In addition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009, the public may request to inspect records of the meeting at 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC, by emailing aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453-7415 to schedule an appointment. The senior Department official's (as defined in 34 CFR 602.3 at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-602/subpart-A/section-602.3>) decisions, pursuant to 34 CFR 602.36 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-602/subpart-C/subject-group-ECFR21f0283b12d15ca/section-602.36>), associated with all NACIQI meetings can be found at the following website: <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/#/public-documents>.

Reasonable Accommodations: The dial-in information and weblink access to the meeting are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed

in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Electronic Access to This Document: The official version of this document is the document published in the **Federal Register**. Free internet access to the official edition of the **Federal Register** and the Code of Federal Regulations is available via the Federal Digital System at: www.gpo.gov/fdsys. At this site you can view this document, as well as all other documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register**, in text or Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF). To use PDF, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is available free at the site. You also may access documents of the Department published in the **Federal Register** by using the article search feature at: www.federalregister.gov. Specifically, through the advanced search feature at this site, you can limit your search to documents published by the Department.

Authority: Section 114 of the HEA of 1964, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1011c).

David Barker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Annual Updates to the Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR) Plan Formula for 2026—William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces the annual updates to the ICR plan formula for 2026 to give notice to borrowers and the public regarding how monthly ICR payment amounts will be calculated for the 2026-2027 year under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.063.

DATES: The adjustments to the income percentage factors for the ICR plan formula contained in this notice are applicable from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, for any borrower who enters the ICR plan or has a monthly payment amount under the ICR plan recalculated during that period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Travis Sturlaugson, U.S. Department of

Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 377-4174. Email: travis.sturlaugson@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7-1-1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Direct Loan Program, borrowers may choose to repay their non-defaulted Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans made to graduate or professional students, and Direct Consolidation Loans under the ICR plan until such plan sunsets on July 1, 2028. The ICR plan bases the borrower's monthly payment amount on the borrower's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), family size, loan amount, and the interest rate applicable to each of the borrower's loans.

A Direct Loan borrower who repays under the ICR plan pays the lesser of: (1) the monthly amount that would be required over a 12-year repayment period with fixed payments, multiplied by an income percentage factor; or (2) 20 percent of their discretionary income.

We adjust the income percentage factors annually to reflect changes in inflation and announce the adjusted factors in the **Federal Register**, as required by 34 CFR 685.209(f)(4)(i)(A). We use the adjusted income percentage factors to calculate a borrower's monthly ICR payment amount when the borrower initially applies for the ICR plan or when the borrower submits annual income documentation, as required under the ICR plan. This notice contains the adjusted income percentage factors for 2026, examples of how the monthly ICR payment amount is calculated, and charts showing sample repayment amounts based on the adjusted ICR plan formula. This information is included in the following three attachments:

- *Attachment 1—Income Percentage Factors for 2026*
- *Attachment 2—Examples of the Calculations of Monthly Repayment Amounts*
- *Attachment 3—Charts Showing Sample ICR Repayment Amounts for Single and Married Borrowers*

In Attachment 1, to reflect changes in inflation, we updated the income percentage factors that were published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 2025 (90 FR 37477). Specifically, we have revised the table of income percentage factors by changing the dollar amounts of the incomes shown by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage change between the not-