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The Web site <http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/> provides information on the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program for both professionals and borrowers. For professionals, it provides information on conferences, promissory notes, regulations, laws, and relevant links, as well as technical assistance, and other publications and guides. For borrowers, the Web site provides information on financial aid for students, interactive calculators, and direct loan consolidation information. Publications are available for download, and student account information may be accessed. (HB)

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Information for Professionals

Information for Financial Aid Professionals

<http://www.ed.gov/IFAP>

- Conferences, Presentations & Other Helpful Information
 - On-line Registration for the U.S. Department of Education Electronic Access Conferences
 - GAPS (Grant Administration & Payment System)
 - Y2K
 - SFA Training Registration Site
 - Cohort Default Rates
 - National Student Loan Database (NSLDS)
- Direct Loan Bulletins & Dear Colleague Letters
- Master Promissory Note Information
- Direct Loan Origination Online System
- Information for Financial Aid Professionals (IFAP)
- U.S. Department of Education: Budget News
- Direct Loan Regulations
- Higher Education Act Amendments
- Direct Loan SchoolLinks

Publications & Guides for Professionals

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/pubs/ajppubs.html>

- Direct Loan Technical Reference
- Direct Loan School Guide
- Direct Consolidation Loan Guide
- Direct Loan Quality Assurance Planning Guide
- Entrance Counseling Guide for Counselors
- Exit Counseling Guide for Counselors
- Direct PLUS Loan Guide
- Direct Loans: A Better Way to Borrow
- All About Direct Loans
- PLUS Basics

Regional Leads Account Management Group

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/cams.html>

On-line Services for Your Students

- On-line Entrance & Exit Counseling for Borrowers
- Interactive Calculators

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Information for Borrowers

Financial Aid for Students

<http://www.ed.gov/loans/financialaidforstudents>

- FAFSA on the Web
- Title IV School Codes
- National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
- On-line Entrance & Exit Counseling for Borrowers
- Borrower Account Information
- Direct Loan Deferment & Forbearance Forms
- On-line Direct Consolidation Loan Applications
- Calculators
 - Budget
 - Repayment
 - Consolidation
- Direct Loan SchoolLinks
- Publications & Guides for Students

Interactive Calculators

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoans/calculators>

- Budget Calculator
- Monthly Repayment Calculator
 - Description of Repayment Plans
 - Standard/Extended/Graduated Repayment Plan
 - Income Contingent Repayment Plan
- Direct Consolidation Loan Calculator

Direct Consolidation Loan Information

<http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoans/consolidation>

- On-line Direct Consolidation Loan Application
- Downloadable Direct Consolidation Loan Application
- Description of Repayment Plans
 - Standard/Extended/Graduated Repayment Plan
 - Income Contingent Repayment Plan
- Direct Consolidation Loan Calculator

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