## Federal student loan repayment plans chart

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| Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE) | - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans <br> - Direct PLUS Loans made to students <br> - Direct Consolidation Loans not including Direct and FFELP Parent PLUS Loans made to parents | - Your payments will be $10 \%$ of your monthly discretionary income, the difference between your adjusted gross income and $150 \%$ of the poverty guideline for your family size and state of residence, plus other conditions, divided by 12 <br> - Your payments change as your income changes. You must recertify your income yearly. | - You must be a new borrower on or after October 1,2007 and must have received a disbursement of a Direct Loan on or after October 1, 2011 <br> - You must have a partial financial hardship <br> - Your monthly payments will start lower than payments made under the 10-year standard plan, but never go above this amount <br> - You'll pay more for your loan over time than you would under the 10-year standard plan <br> - If you have not repaid your loan in full after you made the equivalent of 20 years of qualifying monthly payments, any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven <br> - You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven |
| Income-Based Repayment Plan (IBR) | - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans <br> - Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans <br> - All PLUS Loans made to students <br> - Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans not including Direct and FFELP Parent PLUS Loans made to parents | - Your payments will be $15 \%$ ( $10 \%$ if you are a new borrower*) of your monthly discretionary income, the difference between your adjusted gross income and $150 \%$ of the poverty guideline for your family size and state of residence, plus other conditions, divided by 12 <br> - Your payments change as your income changes. You must recertify your income yearly. <br> *A new borrower for the IBR plan has no outstanding balance on a Direct or FFELP Ioan | - You must have a partial financial hardship <br> - Your monthly payments will start lower than payments made under the 10-year standard plan, but never go above this amount <br> - You'll pay more for your loan over time than you would under the 10-year standard plan <br> - If you have not repaid your loan in full after making the equivalent of 25 years ( 20 years if you are a new borrower*) of qualifying monthly payments, any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven <br> - You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven |
| Income-Contingent Repayment Plan (ICR) | - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans <br> - Direct PLUS Loans made to students <br> - Direct Consolidation Loans <br> Note: Parent borrowers can choose this plan if they consolidate their Direct Parent PLUS Loans into a Direct Consolidation Loan | - Payments will be the lower of these two: <br> 1. What you would pay on a repayment plan with a fixed payment over 12 years, adjusted according to your income, or <br> 2. $20 \%$ of your discretionary income <br> Discretionary income is the amount by which your adjusted gross income goes over the poverty guidelines amount for your state of residence and family size <br> - Your payments change as your income changes. You must recertify your income yearly. | - You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10 -year standard plan <br> - If you do not repay your loan after making the equivalent of 25 years of qualifying monthly payments, the unpaid portion will be forgiven <br> - You may have to pay income tax on the amount that is forgiven |

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| Graduated repayment plan | - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans <br> - Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans <br> - All PLUS Loans <br> - Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans | - Payments are lower at first and then increase, usually every two years | - You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10-year standard plan |
| Extended repayment plan | - Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans <br> - Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans <br> - All PLUS Loans <br> - Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans | - Payments may be fixed or graduated | - Your monthly payments will be lower than under the 10-year standard plan <br> - If you are a Direct Loan borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loans <br> - If you are FFELP borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding FFELP Ioans <br> - For example, if you have \$35,000 in outstanding FFELP loans, and \$10,000 in Direct Loans, you can use the extended repayment plan for your FFELP loans, but not for your Direct Loans <br> - For both programs, you must also be a new borrower as of October 7, 1998 <br> - You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10 -year standard plan |
| Income-Sensitive Repayment Plan (ISR) | - Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans <br> - FFELP Parent PLUS Loans <br> - FFELP Consolidation Loans | - Your monthly payment is based on your monthly gross income <br> - Your payments change as your income changes | - You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10-year standard plan <br> - Each lender's formula for determining the monthly payment amount under this plan can vary |

