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Department of Education Loan Servicing

Federal student loan repayment plans chart

Learn more about federal student loan repayment plans

Repayment plan	Eligible loans	Monthly payments and times	Quick comparison
Standard repayment plan	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans All PLUS Loans Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans 	 Payments are a fixed amount of at least \$50 per month 	 You'll pay less interest for your loan over time under this plan than under other plans
Revised Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (REPAYE)	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to students 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 (AGI) and 150% of the poverty guideline for your family size and state of residence, plus other conditions, divided by 12 Your payments change as your income changes. You must recertify your income yearly. 	 You must be a Direct Loan borrower with eligible loans No disbursement date requirements for when you first received your eligible student loans No income requirement to enter plan If you are married, your AGI generally includes your spouse's income no matter how you file your federal income tax return If you have not repaid your loan in full after you made the equivalent of 20 years of qualifying monthly payments for those who borrowed only for undergraduate study, and 25 years of qualifying payments for those who borrowed for graduate study, any outstanding balance on your loan will be forgiven You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven No payment amount limit

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Pay As You Earn Repayment Plan (PAYE)	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to students 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 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 You must have a partial financial hardship Your monthly payments will start lower than payments made under the 10-year standard plan, but never go above this amount You'll pay more for your loan over time than you would under the 10-year standard plan 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 You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven
Income-Based Repayment Plan (IBR)	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans All PLUS Loans made to students 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 Your payments change as your income changes. You must recertify your income yearly. *A new borrower for the IBR plan has no outstanding balance on a Direct or FFELP loan 	 You must have a partial financial hardship Your monthly payments will start lower than payments made under the 10-year standard plan, but never go above this amount You'll pay more for your loan over time than you would under the 10-year standard plan 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 You may have to pay income tax on any amount that is forgiven
Income-Contingent Repayment Plan (ICR)	 Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans Direct PLUS Loans made to students Direct Consolidation Loans 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: What you would pay on a repayment plan with a fixed payment over 12 years, adjusted according to your income, or 20% of your discretionary income 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 Your payments change as your income yearly. 	 You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10-year standard plan If you do not repay your loan after making the equivalent of 25 years of qualifying monthly payments, the unpaid portion will be forgiven 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 Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans All PLUS Loans 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 Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans All PLUS Loans Direct and FFELP Consolidation Loans 	 Payments may be fixed or graduated 	 Your monthly payments will be lower than under the 10-year standard plan If you are a Direct Loan borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding Direct Loans If you are FFELP borrower, you must have more than \$30,000 in outstanding FFELP loans 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 For both programs, you must also be a new borrower as of October 7, 1998 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 FFELP Parent PLUS Loans FFELP Consolidation Loans 	 Your monthly payment is based on your monthly gross income Your payments change as your income changes 	 You'll pay more for your loan over time than under the 10-year standard plan Each lender's formula for determining the monthly payment amount under this plan can vary

