RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ED)
FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA)

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2), a computer matching agreement (CMA) will remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months. Within 3 months prior to the expiration of such CMA, however, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the computer matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

1. such program will be conducted without any changes; and
2. each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

The following match meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the officials authorized in section VII and VIII of this renewal:

I. TITLE OF MATCH:
Modified U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Total and Permanent Disability

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:
Recipient Agency: U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid
Source Agency: US Department of Veterans Affairs

III. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:
The modified CMA sets forth the terms, safeguards, and procedures under which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will identify data on Veterans who VA has designated as (1) having a service-connected disability rating that is 100% disabling, or (2) being totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, as described in 38 CFR § 3.4(b) and 38 CFR § 3.340, to the Department of Education (ED), Federal Student Aid (FSA). ED will use the VA disability data to contact those Borrowers who have Title IV Loan debt or service obligations under the Teacher Education Assistance for Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program and provide those Borrowers with ED’s total and permanent disability (TPD) discharge, or the ability to opt-out of discharge, for individuals who have a Title IV Loan debt or TEACH Grant service obligation.

This matching program will assist ED in its obligation to ensure that Borrowers of Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations more efficiently and effectively receive TPD discharge of their Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations. ED will send a notification to Borrowers who VA has designated as (1) having a service-connected disability rating that is 100% disabling, or (2) being totally disabled based on an individual unemployability rating, informing them that ED will discharge the Borrowers’ Title IV Loans or TEACH Grant service obligations no earlier than 61 days from the date that ED sends the notification to the Borrower, unless the Borrower chooses to have their loans discharged earlier or chooses to opt out of the TPD discharge within 60 days from the
date that ED sends the notification to the Borrower. The notices also will inform these Borrowers that ED has accepted VA data matched information in lieu of the Borrower’s submission of a VA Statement with the Borrower’s TPD loan discharge application, thereby simplifying the TPD discharge process for Borrowers.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH:

Effective Date: November 9, 2018
Expiration Date: May 8, 2020

The above effective and expiration dates are based on the expiration of the 30-day public comment period following ED’s publication of notice of this matching program in the Federal Register.

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: May 9, 2020
New Expiration Date: May 8, 2021

VI. CHANGES:

By this renewal, VA and ED make the following non-substantive changes to the modified computer matching agreement:

1. In Article VI, “Description of Matched Records,” replace the second sentence in the second paragraph of section A, “Systems of Records,” with the following:

ED will match information obtained from VA with ED records maintained in in ED’s system of records entitled “National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)” (18-11-06). The NSLDS system of records notice was last published in the Federal Register in full on September 9, 2019 (84 FR 47265). ED also will maintain information on those Borrowers whose records match with information obtained from VA in its NSLDS system of records.

2. In Article XVI. “Persons to Contact,” replace Section A, “VA Contacts,” with the following:

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VII. **VA SIGNATURES:**

**VA Certification:**

**Electronic Signature Acknowledgement:** The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing modified computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

_BETH A. MURPHY_
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Beth Murphy
Executive Director, Compensation Service
US Department of Veterans Affairs

Date________________________

**Data Integrity Board Certification:**

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing modified computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

_Paul Cunningham 1734594_

James Gfrerer
Chair
Data Integrity Board
US Department of Veterans Affairs

Date________________________
VIII. ED SIGNATURES:

ED Certification:

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing modified computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

Mark A. Brown
Chief Operating Officer
Federal Student Aid
U.S. Department of Education

Date March 5, 2020

Data Integrity Board Certification:

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the modified existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

Ann Kim
Senior Agency Official for Privacy
Chair, Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Education

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