



CORONAVIRUS AND FEDERAL STUDENT AID

On March 27 the president signed the CARES Act into law, which among other things provides relief for federal student loan borrowers, including six months payment suspension window and 0% interest.

Payments will automatically stop for six months

- The suspension of payments will be automatic and will last from March 13 to September 30
- Any auto-debit payments that are processed erroneously can be refunded
- Any payment made during the forbearance period can be refunded
- If disability benefits or a federal tax refund were withheld due to defaulted debt, this can be returned to you
- You can still make payments, or partial payments, if you choose

0% interest on ED-owned loans

- interest rates on federal student loans owned by the Education Department (Direct Loans, FFEL Program Loans, and Federal Perkins Loans) will be 0%
- If you elect to continue payments, payments will be applied to principal
- Private student loans are not eligible for 0%

More information can be found here: <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus>