

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM IS ENDING

For Undergraduate Students SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

For Graduate Students - SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

No new loans will be available under the Federal Perkins Loan Program after the above dates. Undergraduate students may receive a previously awarded spring disbursement of the Perkins loan as long as the fall portion was disbursed between July 1, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Graduate students may receive a previously awarded spring disbursement of the Perkins loan as long as the fall portion was disbursed between July 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

FEDERAL LOAN INTEREST RATE COMPARISON

Loan Program	Current Interest Rates by Program Type
PERKINS for Students	5.00% fixed
FEDERAL DIRECT for Students (subsidized and unsubsidized)	3.76% fixed Undergraduate
	5.31% fixed Graduate
PLUS For Parents and Graduate/Professional Students	6.31% fixed

Perkins Interest Rate is fixed at 5%

In comparison, the interest rate for a Direct Loan is determined annually for new loans that are made between July 1 of one year and June 30 of the following year. Each loan will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan. View the latest interest rate information at StudentAid.gov/interest.

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN ELIGIBILITY AVAILABLE AFTER FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify for Federal Perkins Loans you must be offered your full annual loan eligibility in Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans. If your eligibility changes your Federal Perkins loan may be cancelled. **To accept the terms of this loan**, go to the Hokie SPA Financial Aid Information and select the "Accept Award Offer" tab.

REPAYMENT AND FORGIVENESS OPTIONS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS

The repayment and forgiveness options for Federal Direct Loans are not available for Federal Perkins Loans. More information about the Perkins loan can be found at StudentAid.gov/sa/types/loans/perkins.

FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS MAY BE CONSOLIDATED WITH FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

The benefits of consolidating your Federal Perkins loans with your Federal Direct Loans are:

One monthly payment:

A consolidation loan combines the borrower's eligible loans into a single loan. To learn how interest rates are calculated on Direct Consolidation Loans, visit StudentAid.gov/consolidation.

More Repayment Options:

Students having difficulty keeping up with student loan payments may choose a different repayment plan. By extending the term of student loan repayment, or selecting an individual payment plan that matches income levels and ability to pay, borrowers who participate in the Consolidation Program sometimes have lower monthly payments on the new loans. It should be noted, however, that extending repayment terms also adds more total interest to the loan, over its entire lifetime.

The drawbacks of consolidating your Federal Perkins loans with your Federal Direct Loans are:

The loss of loan cancellation benefits:

If you are, or will be, a public school teacher, or if you teach math, science or special education subjects, you may qualify for Perkins loan cancellation. When Perkins loans are consolidated alongside other outstanding federal loans, the cancellation benefit is eliminated.