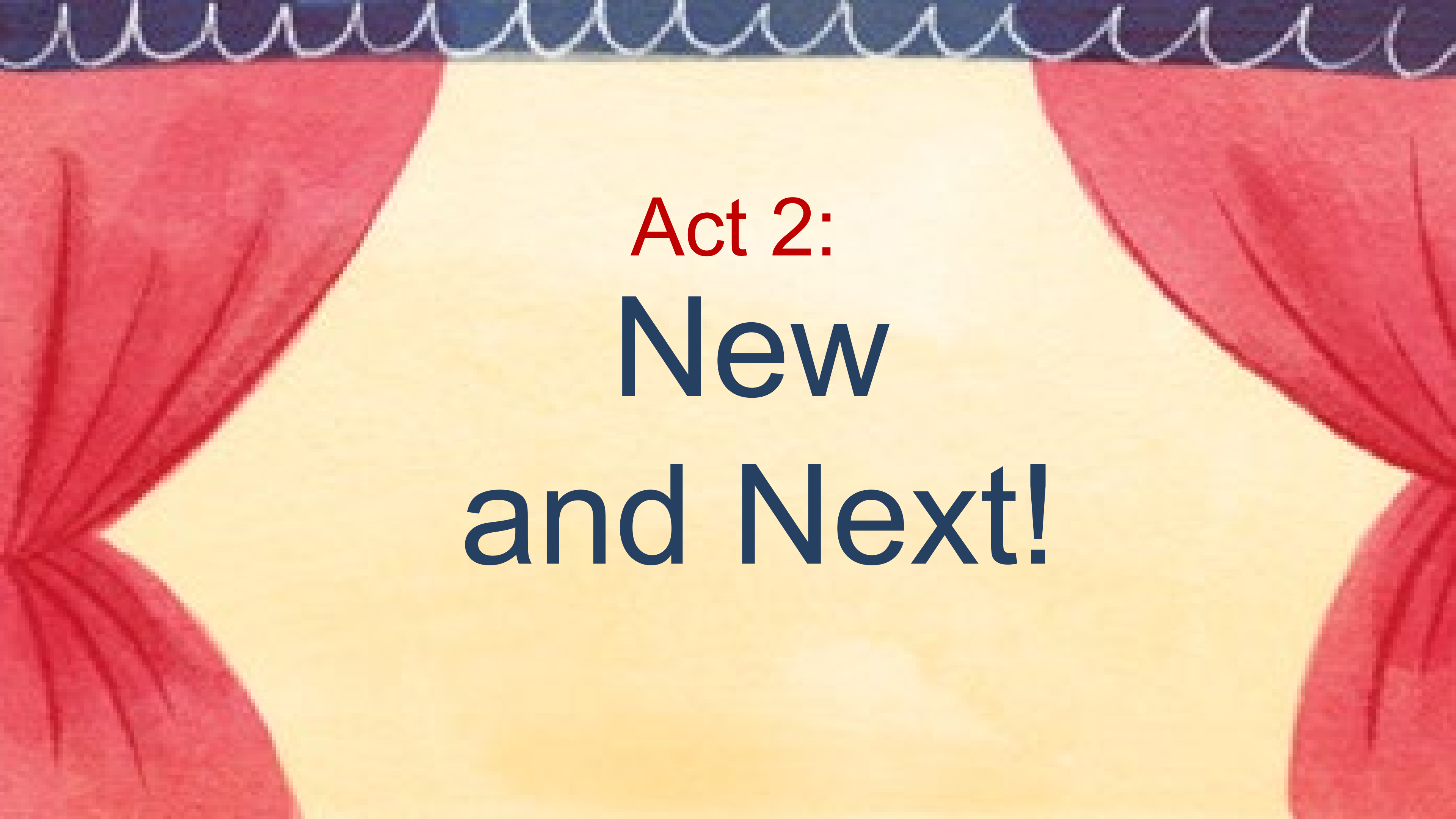


New Aid Officer Workshop

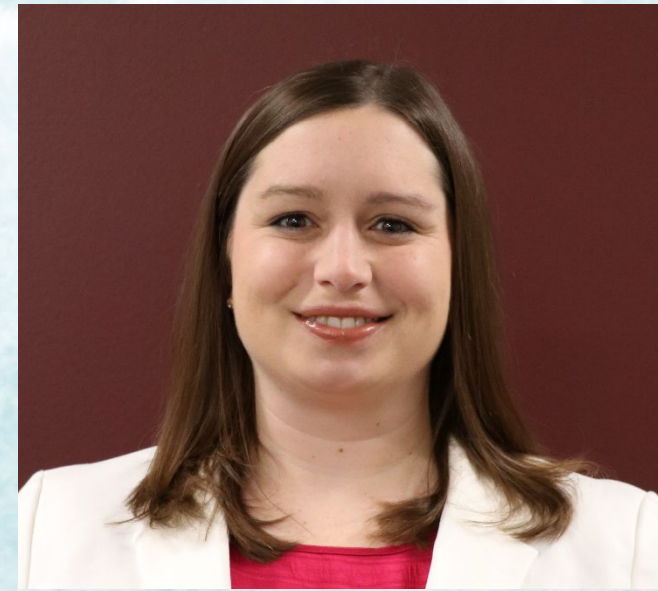


April 10-12, 2024 · Great Wolf Lodge · Dallas/Grapevine

A stage with red curtains and a yellow spotlight illuminating the text.

Act 2:
New
and Next!

Presenters



Sarah Gordon
Associate Director
Scholarships & Financial Aid
Texas A & M University

Quick Review of the FAD~~A~~X



- New for 24-25
- Fundamentally changed how IRS information is pulled into FAFSAs
- A creation of the FUTURE Act and the FAFSA Simplification Act
 - FUTURE Act
 - Amended the Internal Revenue Code to allow for the exchange of tax information to ED
 - Defines which specific items from tax returns will be transferred
 - FAFSA Simplification
 - Describes how states and institutions can use the tax info
- New name for this type of data: FTI (Federal Tax Information)

FA DDX Features

- Students and families are required to give consent for the IRS to send their data into the FAFSA
- If the student or their contributors refuse consent, the student is considered ineligible for aid
- Students and families do not have the opportunity to review the imported information during the FAFSA process



Impact of DD (don't)



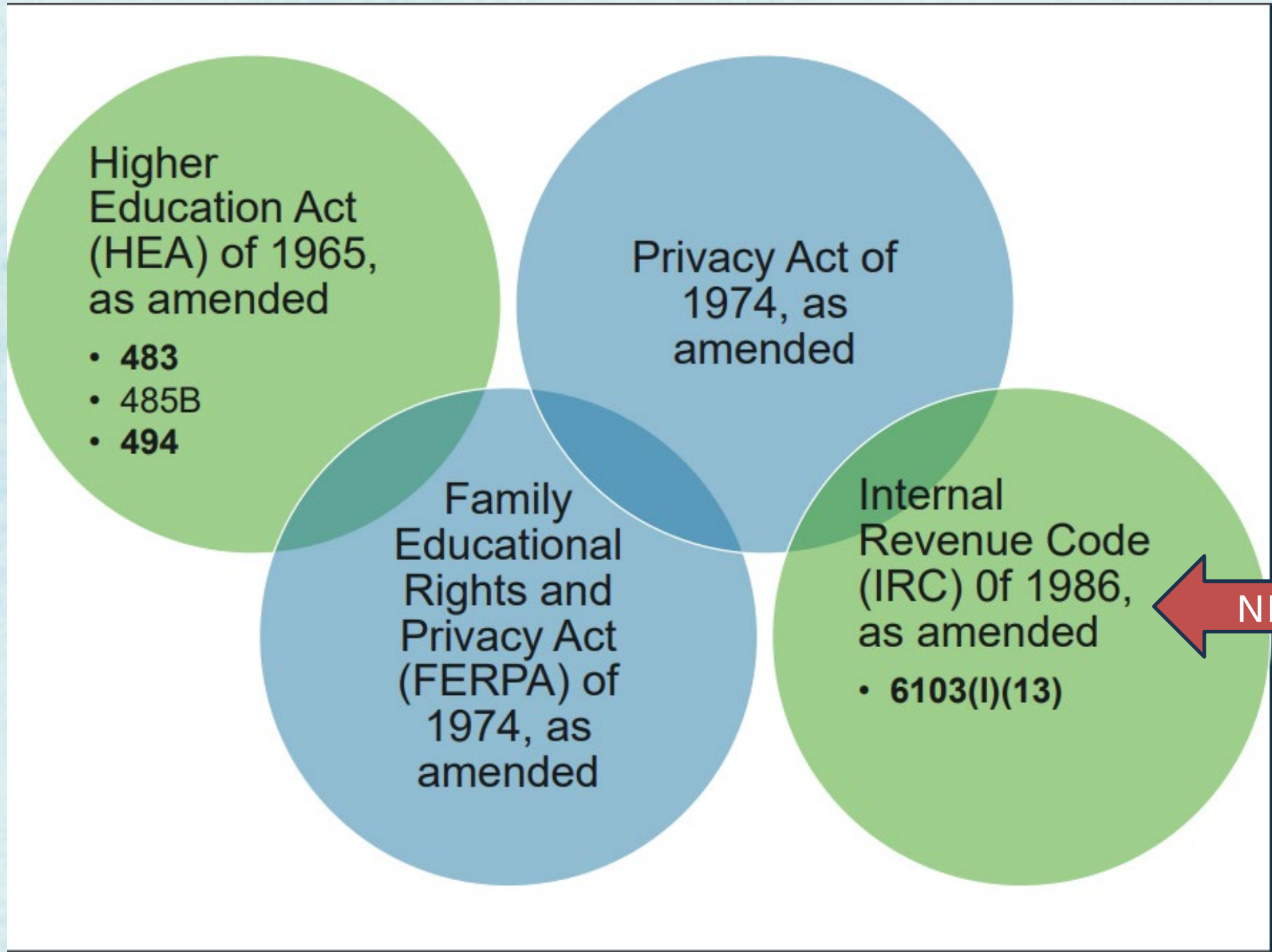
- Even though consent is required by all students and contributors, data exchange is not possible for all FAFSA filers
- Example: a contributor who is now divorced, but on their prior-prior year tax return was married filing jointly

FA DDX Impact on Aid Offices



- Volume of students selected by ED to be verified should be much lower
 - Information imported directly into the FAFSA via the DDX is considered to be verified
- FAFSA Data and FTI are now two completely separate categories of information and fall under different laws that regulate the sharing of that data

From FSA's 2023 Training Conference:



NEW FOR 2425



Data Sharing

Rules related to sharing FTI are much stricter than FAFSA Data

Aid offices are permitted to disclose FTI or FAFSA information to any contributor

Dept of ED has promised further guidance in the near future

Another Big 2425 Change

Reintroduction of Gainful
Employment

Introduction of Financial Value
Transparency

Gainful Employment (GÆ)hy?

- Since federal funds are used to pay for educational programs, the Department wants to show that it's money well spent
- They know that:
 - Students take on debt to pay for school with no guaranteed outcome
 - There should be some kind of empirical evidence that the debt has a good rate of return on investment



History of GE Rules



- Over time, ED has been especially interested in using GE rules to track debt repayment/ability to repay for the graduates of non-degree programs
- As a result, GE regulations often impact for-profit schools the most
- ED has implemented this idea in various ways
 - 1st attempt: rules proposed in 2009, implemented 2011, rolled back in 2012
 - 2nd attempt: rules proposed and passed in 2014, implemented in 2015, enforcement stopped in 2017, and rules were formally rolled back again in 2019

GE and New FVT



- In 2023, ED reintroduced an updated version of GE rules
- They added a new twist that they're calling Financial Value Transparency (FVT)
- Two categories of programs:
 - Gainful Employment (GE) programs
 - Eligible Non-GE Programs
- These regulations will officially go into effect July 1, 2024
- First reporting has been delayed from original due date of July 31, 2024 to October 1, 2024
- First student acknowledgements won't be required until July 1, 2026

What is a Gainful Employment Program?

- All* nondegree programs that lead to recognized credentials at public and private nonprofit institutions
- All* educational programs offered by for-profit/proprietary institutions



What is an Eligible No@E Program?

- All* Title IV eligible programs, including degree programs, at public nonprofit, private nonprofit, and proprietary institutions
- There are exceptions (including one big one (on the next slide))



Neither One nor The Other



- Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) programs
- Prison Education Programs (PEPs)
- Post-back teacher cert programs that have no credential attached
- Preparatory coursework that student can receive DL for
- **Programs at least two AYs in length that are acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree**

The New Measures



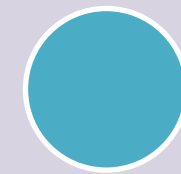
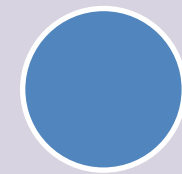
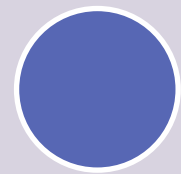
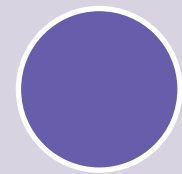
- Debt to Earnings measure
 - Two separate data points:
 - Ratio based on debt to total annual earnings
 - Ratio looking at debt to discretionary earnings
- Earnings Premium measure
 - ED will calculate “the extent to which a graduate of a program out-earns the median annual earnings” compared to high school graduate earnings for that state

The Basic Process

ED sends list
of completers
to schools

ED collects
earnings data
from federal
sources, and
debt data
from NSLDS

ED sends
pass/fail
results to
schools



School
reviews,
corrects, and
sends back

ED compares
the school
lists to the
results of their
calculations



What Happens If a Program Fails?

- Eligible non-GE programs:
 - Prospective students will be required to acknowledge that they have viewed the information regarding that program's failure to meet the D/E requirements on the side that ED provides
 - The acknowledgement will be required BEFORE the institution enrolls the student
 - Note that if one of these programs fails only the EP measure, no acknowledgement is required



What Happens If a Program Fails?



- GE Programs
 - The same student acknowledgement process from the non-GE programs will be required prior to any enrollment agreement AND
 - If applicable based on ED notification, schools will be required to provide warnings to students letting them know that the program is at risk of losing Title IV funds, etc.
- For GE programs, could be either metric or both that are failed

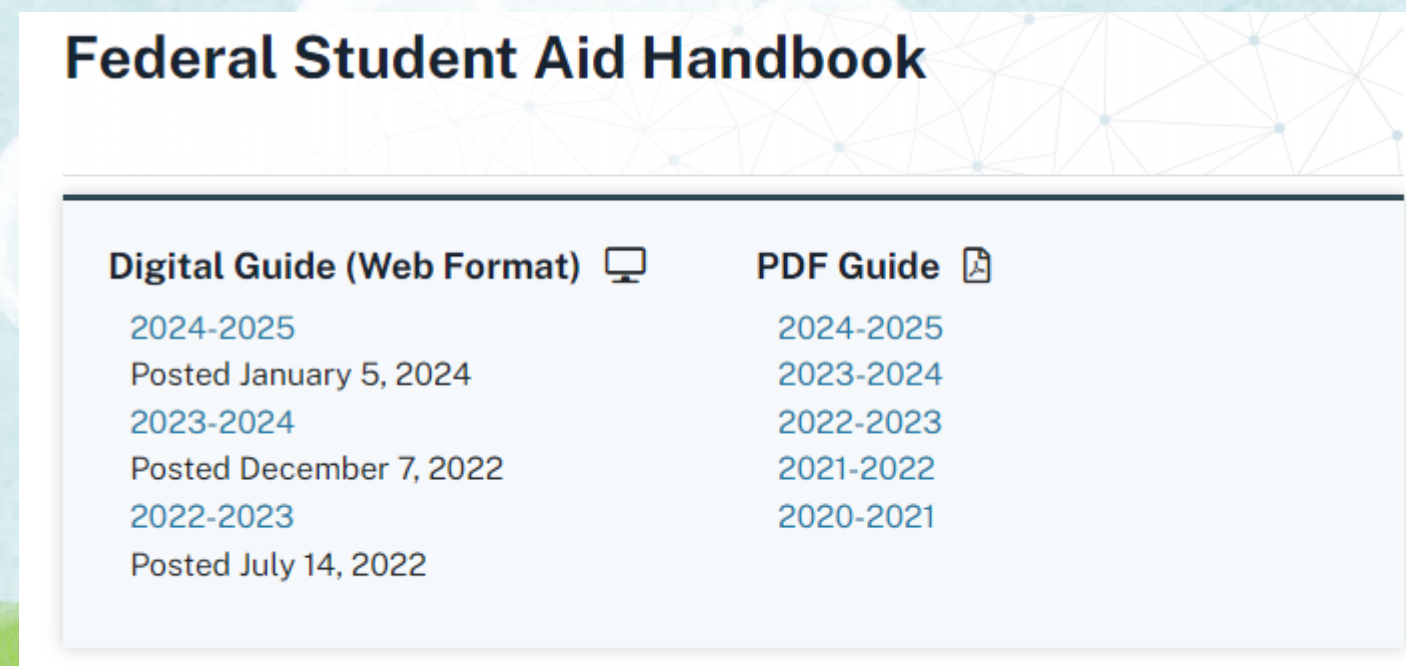




STAYING INFORMED

Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

FSA Handbook

- In depth look at each aspect of the financial aid process from the school's perspective
 - Published each year by FSA, but not all at once
 - Sections of the handbook come out as they are prepared
 - Published in two formats-digital and PDF
 - Historical versions are also available for reference
- Organized into the following sections:
 - Application and Verification Guide
 - Student Eligibility
 - School Eligibility and Operations
 - Academic Calendars, COAs, and Packaging
 - Processing Aid and Managing FSA Funds
 - Withdrawals and R2T4
 - Campus-Based Programs
 - Pell Grant Program
 - Direct Loan Program
 - TEACH Grant Program



Federal Student Aid Handbook	
Digital Guide (Web Format) 	PDF Guide 
2024-2025 Posted January 5, 2024	2024-2025 2023-2024
2023-2024 Posted December 7, 2022	2022-2023 2021-2022
2022-2023 Posted July 14, 2022	2020-2021



Other FSA Resources

Daily and Weekly
Knowledge
Center Update
subscriptions

FSA Training-
Learning Tracks

FSA Training-
FAFSA
Simplification
Center and
Webinars

Great Resources for Breaking News

FSA Partners Knowledge Center

Knowledge Center Home

Search Knowledge Center Search

Advanced Search

★ What's New

- (GENERAL-24-28) Potential Issue Alert – Reports Concerning Tax Data and 2024-25 FAFSA Form (Updated March 30, 2024)**
MARCH 29, 2024
- (GEN-24-04) Regulatory Requirements for Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment**
MARCH 29, 2024
- (GE-24-01) Timeline of Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment Reporting Requirements**
MARCH 29, 2024
- Updated Service Release Available for EDEXpress 2024–25, Release 1.0 to Update ISIR and FTI Reports**
MARCH 28, 2024

[View All Recent Posts](#)

📖 Library

The Library contains the publication documents of the Knowledge Center. Publication documents are categorized by Resource Type, Functional Area, Program, and System.

🔗 Featured Information

- E-App and Third-Party Servicer Inquiry Form Updates
- 2024 Virtual FSA Training Conference Dec. 3–6
- FAFSA Simplification Information
- Prison Education Programs
- Disaster Assistance
- Technology Security Alert

⚡ Quick Reference

- FSA Handbook
- Dear Colleague Letters
- Knowledge Center FAQs
- Electronic Announcements
- Federal Student Aid Data Center
- Foreign School Updates

NASFAA News and FAFSA Simplification Web Center

Home » News » FAFSA Simplification Web Center

★ ADD TO FAVORITES

News

TODAY'S NEWS

OFF THE CUFF PODCAST

FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION WEB CENTER
FAFSA Launch

STUDENT DEBT RELIEF WEB CENTER

RECENT PRESS

FAFSA Simplification Web Center

This web center was created to keep NASFAA members and the financial aid community updated on pertinent news related to FAFSA Simplification updates. Check back often as this page is updated regularly.

News Articles & Statements

- *NEW*** March 27, 2024 - [ED Updates Governors on FAFSA Rollout, Urges States to Support Institutions Preparing Aid Packages](#)

NASFAA DISCLAIMER



NASFAA is:
A GREAT resource!

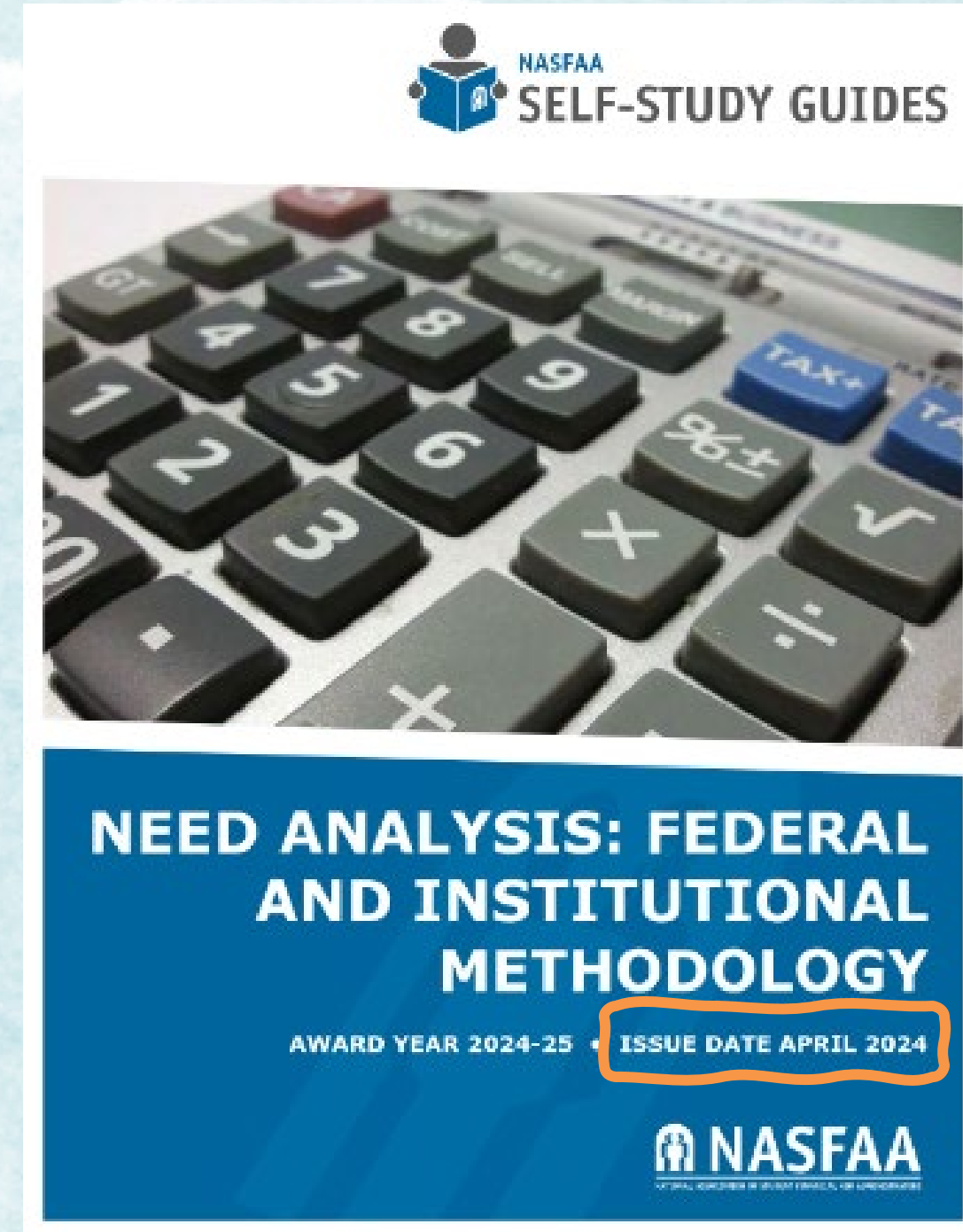
NASFAA is NOT:
The final authority on the
regulations or how they will
be enforced



Always discuss any
answers you find on AskRegs
with your supervisor before
taking action!

NASFAA Self-Study Guides

- Each year, NASFAA publishes self-study guides that more or less mirror the contents of the FSA Handbook
- These guides walk you through various topics broken down into smaller lessons
- Lessons include
 - helpful examples,
 - notes about where more information can be found in primary sources, and
 - self-check tools like quizzes, case studies, etc.





NASFAA AskRegs



Online resource provided to NASFAA members



Searchable database of questions asked by members and answered by NASFAA staff



Very useful tool when researching an issue, especially when you are unsure of which rules apply



AskRegs Tips and Tricks

- Load up on keywords
- Use first set of results as guide to narrow down
- Don't be afraid to look at items that only look partially related—you might find a hidden gem of information



Resources

- 2023 FSA Presentation, “Data Use and Considerations Under the FUTURE Act and FAFSA® Simplification Act,” <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/training/federal-student-aid-fsa-training-conference/program/sessions/2023/data-use-and-considerations-under-future-act-and-fafsar-simplification-act>
- Historical timeline of GE Rules: <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-tortured-path-of-the-gainful-employment-rule/#:~:text=August%202018%3A%20The%20Trump%20administration,formally%20rescinded%20the%20GE%20rule.>
- DCL GEN 24-04, “Regulatory Requirements for Financial Value Transparency and Gainful Employment.” <https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2024-03-29/regulatory-requirements-financial-value-transparency-and-gainful-employment>

Thank You for Completing our Survey



New Aid Officers Workshop