

CHANGE TO SUBSIDIZED LOAN AMOUNTS

If you are a first-time borrower on or after July 1, 2013, there is a limit on the maximum period of time (measured in academic years) that you receive Direct Subsidized Loans. Generally, a first-time borrower is one who did not have an outstanding balance of principal or interest on a Direct Loan or on a FEEL Program Loan on July 1, 2013. This time limit does not apply to Direct Unsubsidized Loans or Direct Plus Loans. If this limit applies to you, you may not receive Direct Subsidized Loans for more than 150 percent of the published length of your program. This is called your "maximum eligibility period." Your maximum eligibility period is based on the published date of your current program. You can usually find the published length of any program of study in your school's catalog.

Example: If you are enrolled in a four-year bachelor's degree program, the maximum period for you which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is six years (150% of 4 years = 6 years).

If you are enrolled in a two-year associate degree program, the maximum period for which you can receive Direct Subsidized Loans is three years (150% of 2 years = 3 years).

Because your maximum eligibility period is based on the length of your current program of study, your maximum eligibility period can change if you change to a program with a different length.