

## OMB Approved Apportionment – FY 2024

Approved by:	Deputy Associate Director for Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor Division  /s/ signature
Signed on:	May 1, 2024
Agency:	Department of Education

Unless specifically changed by future action and pursuant to OMB Circular A-11, Section 120.50, the following policies governing automatic apportionments for the Department of Education and agencies receiving services from the Department are in effect for fiscal year 2024:

### Offsetting Collections:

In addition to the adjustments described in Section 120.49, offsetting collections of up to a cumulative amount per fiscal year of \$100,000 in any account are automatically apportioned.

### Anticipated Budgetary Resources:

Anticipated budgetary resources may be increased up to \$400,000 or two percent of the amount of total budgetary resources, whichever is lower.

### Grantbacks:

Any grantback of less than \$25,000 in a single award is automatically apportioned. The Federal Register notice describing the grantback must be sent to OMB, and subsequent reapportionment requests must reference inclusion of the grantback.

### Recoveries:

Actual and anticipated recoveries of any amount in the Student Financial Assistance (91 23/24 0200) account are automatically apportioned.

Actual and anticipated recoveries of any amount during the last quarter of the fiscal year in any account are automatically apportioned.

### Field Reader Costs:

For accounts or programs that do not have a specific authority for use of program funds to cover field reader costs, up to 1 percent of the funds for each ED program that awards funds on a competitive basis is automatically apportioned to cover the costs of field reader expenses for that program, pursuant to P.L. 103-227.

Accounts with multiple Category B projects:

For accounts that have two or more Category B projects, adjustments to the Category B projects are authorized if pursuant to adjustments in budgetary resources per A-11, Section 120.49 and the additional authorizations provided in this letter.

Student Financial Assistance (91 23/24 0200 and 91 24/25 0200) and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants IASG:

Additional budget authority and increases to obligational authority in any award year may be automatically apportioned in the last two months of the fiscal year based upon actual activity and needs projected by the Office of Federal Student Aid.

Amounts Due to Rounding (all accounts):

Increases of up to 99 cents in any non-credit account and \$500 in credit accounts (excluding administrative expenses in credit accounts) to the application of any budgetary resource are automatically apportioned. These are amounts that are affected if resources are rounded to the nearest whole dollar, or thousand dollars for credit accounts, on apportionments (S.F. 132) and reports of budget execution (S.F. 133). The automatic apportionment of funds in this category should not exceed \$1.50 in total for any non-credit account or \$1,000 for any credit account.

Credit Reform Accounts (program, financing, and liquidating):

The following amounts are automatically apportioned:

- 1) increases in anticipated and actual income from all sources that exceed the original estimates;
- 2) increases in direct loan program and financing accounts for subsidy, borrowing, anticipated collections, anticipated redemptions of debt, and obligational authority to support updated loan volumes and related costs recognized in the last month of the fiscal year;
- 3) increases in obligational authority in the FFELP liquidating and financing accounts: a) that decrease the unapportioned balance or the capital transfer to Treasury during the last month of the fiscal year; or b) that are related to reclassifications associated with the FFEL splitter process, at any point during the fiscal year, provided that these increases result in a corresponding decrease in the other account;
- 4) for the HBCU Capital Financing Program financing account (91 X 4255), increases in obligational authority for: a) interest payments posted by FFB to Treasury at any time during the fiscal year; and b) payments for interest subsidy and foreclosure expenditures during the last month of the fiscal year;

- 5) increases in budgetary resources that are applied to the unapportioned balance of the revolving fund.

Upon signature and return, this letter supersedes the following waivers, which are now considered revoked. Activities allowed under these waivers, as summarized below, shall continue under authority of this letter until superseded by a subsequent letter.

- 1) Waiver of Section 65.4 OMB Circular A-34 10/3/1994: The Department may execute and account for credit programs at an account level. The Department may execute and report at an account level on quarterly and year-end SF-133 reports for each of its credit program and financing accounts. For control and reporting purposes, detailed information on individual cohorts and risk groups are to be provided through management systems separate from the general ledger.
- 2) Waiver of Section 62.6(f) and Section 33.5N of A-11 11/18/1993: For budget formulation, execution, and accounting purposes all subsidies, positive and negative, will be accounted for and reported on a net basis. For control and reporting purposes, detailed information on subsidy by loan type or risk group will be accounted for through management systems separate from the general ledger.