

The nation's guarantors provide the following summaries to inform schools, lenders, and servicers of the latest *Common Manual* policy changes. These changes will appear in the manual's next annual update. These changes will also be incorporated into the *Integrated Common Manual* released in April 2013. The *Integrated Common Manual* is available on several guarantor websites, and it is also available on the *Common Manual's* website at www.commonmanual.org. Please carefully note the effective date of each policy change.

Calculation of School Cohort Default Rates

The *Common Manual* is being revised to correct information on the treatment of closed school, false certification, or identify theft discharges in the cohort default rate calculation. In addition, information on developing a Default Prevention Plan has been added.

Affected Sections:	16.2	Calculation of School Cohort Default Rates
	16.5	Consequences of High Official Cohort Rates for Schools
Effective Date:	Expansion of the cohort default period from a two-year period to a three-year period beginning with fiscal year 2009.	
Basis:	2012 <i>Cohort Default Rate Guide</i> ; GEN-05-14.	
Policy Information:	1281/Batch 190	
Guarantor Comments:	None.	