



## Policy Changes Approved

*Unified Student Loan Policy*

Batch 212: Proposals 1324 & 1325

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*. The Integrated *Common Manual* is available on several guarantor websites, and it is also available on the *Common Manual's* website at <http://commonmanual.org>. Please carefully note the effective date of each policy change.

### HEROES Act Waivers

The *Common Manual* is being revised to incorporate the Department's recent extension of the HEROES Act waivers and modifications, announced in a September 29, 2017 *Federal Register*.

<b>Affected Section(s):</b>	H.4.B HEROES Act Waivers
<b>Effective Date:</b>	September 29, 2017
<b>Basis:</b>	Pub. L. 108—76, 20 U.S.C. 1098bb(b), <i>Federal Registers</i> dated September 29, 2017 (82 FR 45465) and October 17, 2017 (82 FR 48195).
<b>Policy Information:</b>	1324/Batch 212
<b>Guarantor Comments:</b>	None.

### Disaster Waivers

The *Common Manual* has been revised to add updated guidance regarding the impact of a federally declared major disaster on the administration of the Title IV student assistance programs. DCL GEN-17-08 supplements all information in the Federal Student Aid Handbook and supersedes guidance included in previous Dear Colleague Letters, GEN-10-16, FP-10-06, GEN-05-17, and GEN-04-04. The *Common Manual* has also been updated to include non-regulatory guidance provided on flexibility and waivers for grantees and program participants impacted by federally declared disasters in DCL GEN-17-09.

<b>Affected Section(s):</b>	H.4.D Disaster Waivers
<b>Effective Date:</b>	August 29, 2017
<b>Basis:</b>	Dear Colleague Letters GEN-17-08 and GEN-17-09
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<b>Guarantor Comments:</b>	None.