

Common Manual Policy Proposal Batch 226 Transmittal

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#	Subject	Summary of Change to <i>Common Manual</i>	Type of Update	Effective Date
1337	Total and Permanent Disability Discharge	Incorporates the quarterly data match process that began in September 2021 between ED and SSA that identifies TPD-eligible borrowers. Also incorporates the TPD rules changes included in the Final Rule published on November 1, 2022, that expand the Social Security Administration (SSA) categories that qualify a borrower for TPD, expand the list of acceptable SSA documentation, allow other healthcare professionals to certify borrowers for TPD, and eliminate most aspects of the 3-year post-discharge monitoring period.	Federal	Automatic SSA TPD discharge notifications received from the Department on or after September 30, 2021. TPD eligibility determinations made, documentation submitted, or applications certified on or after July 1, 2023.
1338	Closed School Discharge	Incorporates the closed school discharge rule changes included in the Final Rule published on November 1, 2022, that amend the definition of what it means for a school to close for closed school discharge purposes, extend the time frame in which a student must have been enrolled in the closed school to be eligible for discharge from 120 to 180 days before the school closing, include a non-exhaustive list of exceptional circumstances for which the Department may extend the 180-day time frame, and explain that if a borrower does not complete their program of study at another branch or location of the school or through a teach-out agreement at another school within one year of the school closing, the borrower is eligible for automatic closed school discharge.	Federal	Closed school discharge applications received, or eligibility determinations made on or after July 1, 2023.