



Important Perkins Loan Information

During your attendance at Abilene Christian University (ACU), you received a Federal Perkins/National Direct Student Loan. This program provides low-interest loans to students to help them meet their educational expenses. University Accounting Service, LLC (UAS) is under contract with ACU to provide billing and accounting functions for your student loan(s). You will receive a billing statement for each due date as well as other communications over the life of the loan.

This loan is a debt that must be repaid, just like a loan for a car or a house. How you approach this obligation will have an impact on your ability to receive additional credit in the future. You can find budgeting tools and additional information on managing your debt at www.bankofamerica.com.

ACU is required to report your loan to a credit bureau. Late payments may affect your credit rating. Also, if you fail to make full payment when due or do not excuse payments by filing benefit forms on a timely basis, you may be assessed a **late charge**. ACU may require you to repay the entire loan immediately. Your account may be placed for collection and **charge you the costs of collection**. ACU may sue you to collect the debt and may ask the Federal Government for help in collecting from you.

You have a right to:

- Know the full amount of your loan, the annual interest rate, the first payment due date and amount. If you wish to see a copy of your original promissory note, you may request one from the Perkins office at ACU.
- A grace period after you leave school, during which interest does not accrue and payments are not due.
- Prepay all or any part of the principal plus the accrued interest at any time without penalty.
- Deferment and/or cancellation of your loan as specified by Federal regulations.

You must:

- Notify ACU and UAS of any change in your name, address, and/or telephone number. (Filing a mail forwarding order with the Post Office does not fulfill your obligation in this regard.)
- Submit properly and fully completed, certified forms requesting deferment or cancellation. Forms must be filed as soon as you become eligible for a benefit. Generally, forms must be filed annually to renew benefits; a student deferment form may be required for each term.
- Notify ACU before the due date of any payment that you cannot remit.
- Make payments on time even if you fail to receive a billing statement.

Grace Period

Your initial grace period begins on the first day of the month nearest to the day you leave school or drop below half-time status. Your grace period ends as indicated below. Interest begins to accrue on that grace-ending date, not the date on which your first payment is due. To repay your loan without interest charges, you must pay it in its entirety prior to the end of the grace period.

Loans made before 10/1/80: One 9-month grace period following attendance. No additional grace periods.

Loans made on/after 10/1/80: A 6-month grace period after attendance and a 6-month grace period following a deferment.

1st time borrowers after 7/1/87: One 9-month grace period after attendance and a 6-month grace period following a deferment.

Additional Information

- **Consolidation**

Loan Consolidation might be an option if you have multiple lenders, significant student loan debt, or different types of student loans. Through consolidation, a lender buys all of your eligible loans and combines them into one new loan. Consolidation offers benefits such as an extended repayment period and a single payment, and drawbacks such as extra interest over the life of the loan and/or loss of deferment and cancellation eligibility.

UAS can provide assistance with loan consolidation. We will walk you through the necessary steps, from application to disbursement. Our helpful staff can assist you in completing the needed forms and can answer all your questions regarding eligibility and the consolidation process.

To obtain application forms, visit our website, www.uaservice.com, or call 866-443-4884, ext. 4586.

- **Ombudsman**

If during your repayment you develop student loan problems that cannot be resolved through normal customer service, you may want to contact the U.S. Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs Ombudsman Office. You may reach the Ombudsman Customer Service Line at 1-877-557-2575 or through the Internet at <http://sfahelp.ed.gov> or <http://ombudsman.ed.gov>. The mailing address is: Office of the Ombudsman, Student Financial Assistance; U.S. Department of Education; Rm. 3012, ROB #3; 7th and D Streets, SW; Washington D.C. 20202-5144

- **National Student Loan Database**

ACU is required to report loan status information to the National Student Loan Database (NSLDS). This information is available to you via the Internet at www.nsls.ed.gov. You can use the site to inquire about your Title IV loans and/or Pell grants. The site displays loan/grant amounts, disbursements, outstanding balances, and loan statuses. To use the site you will need to provide your social security number (SSN), your date of birth, and your SFA PIN.

- **Payments**

Please make all remittances payable to Abilene Christian University, and send them to:

**University Accounting Service, LLC
P.O. Box 5291
Carol Stream, IL 60197-5291**

You may send one check for payment on all accounts. Please return the bottom portion of the billing statement with your payment. As an alternate payment method, you may use an automatic debit service to have payments deducted directly from your bank account.

Note: You may send a Change of Address, enroll for automatic payments, research benefits, and print loan consolidation forms, "Request for Deferment" forms and "Request for Cancellation" forms through the UAS website: www.uaservice.com.

UAS is available to assist you in meeting your obligation to repay this loan. All future payments, forms, and correspondence should be sent to their office. Please refer back to this website as a reference to your student loan. If you have questions, please contact ACU or University Accounting Service.

Are You Eligible For Deferment?

Once you leave ACU, you may be eligible for periods of deferment, during which interest does not accrue and repayment of principal is not required. You must file a Request for Deferment form to apply for benefits. Sign the Form and have it certified by an appropriate official. See the Form for any additional documentation required. Return the Form to UAS for processing.

Deferment Criteria	Federal Perkins/National Direct disbursed on or after 07/01/93	Federal Perkins disbursed between 07/01/87 & 07/01/93	National Direct disbursed between 10/01/80 & 07/01/93	National Direct disbursed before 10/01/80	National Defense
1. Half-time enrollment	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit	No limit
2. Less than half-time enrollment as a regular student	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 years *2
3. Rehabilitation training	No limit	No limit *5	No limit *5	No limit *5	No limit *5
4. Graduate Fellowship Study	No limit	No limit *5	No limit *5	No limit *5	No limit *5
5. Eligible Internship or residency program	N/A	2 years	2 years	N/A	N/A
6. Unemployment	3 years	3 years *5	3 years *5	3 years *5	3 years *5
7. Economic Hardship	3 years	3 years *5	3 years *5	3 years *5	3 years *5
8. Hardship as determined by the school	N/A	No Limit *2	No Limit *2	No Limit *2	No Limit *2
9. Law enforcement/corrections officer	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
10. Peace Corps/ACTION Program volunteer	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
11. Full-time volunteer for tax exempt organization in service comparable to Peace Corps or ACTION	N/A	3 years	3 years	N/A	N/A
12. U.S. Armed Services	See Footnote 3	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
13. Officer in Commissioned Corps of U.S. Public Health Service	N/A	3 years	3 years	N/A	N/A
14. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps	N/A	3 years	N/A	N/A	N/A
15. Nurse/Medical Technician providing health services	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
16. Temporary total disability or care of temporarily totally disabled spouse/dependent	N/A	3 years	3 years *4	N/A	N/A
17. Pregnancy, care of newborn or newly adopted child	N/A	6 months	N/A	N/A	N/A
18. Mother of pre-schooler working or returning to work who makes no more than \$1 above minimum wage	N/A	1 year *1	N/A	N/A	N/A
19. Employment in Head Start Program	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
20. Teacher in designated low income school	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
21. Teacher of special education, including teachers of infants, toddlers, children, or youth with disabilities	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
22. Provider of early intervention services	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
23. Teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education or other field of expertise determined by state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
24. Provider or supervisor of provision of services to high-risk children from low income communities and their families	See Footnote 3	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5	See Footnote 3 & 5
25. Forbearance – if your Title IV debt burden equals or exceeds 20% of your gross income, you may be eligible for forbearance	3 years renewable annually	3 years renewable annually	3 years renewable annually	3 years renewable annually	3 years renewable annually

*1 Limited to borrowers who had no outstanding balance on any National Direct or Defense Student Loan on July 1, 1987.

*2 Principal and interest may both be deferred, but interest continues to accrue.

*3 Deferment is for period in which a borrower is engaged in service eligible for Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation.

*4 Applies to borrower or care of spouse only. Does not allow deferment for the care of temporarily disabled dependent.

*5 Benefit eligibility is effective 10/1/98.

Do You Qualify For Cancellation?

This loan program provides you with an opportunity to cancel all or part of your loan for certain types of employment or service.

IF YOU EXPECT TO BE ELIGIBLE for any cancellation listed, you should apply for deferment of your account during your year of qualifying service/employment. This process delays billing until the end of the year, when your payments will be cancelled. To apply, complete a Request for Deferment Form and return it to UAS for processing.

TO RECEIVE CANCELLATION BENEFITS, you must file a Request for Partial Cancellation form at the end of your eligible year. If you defer payments for service/employment, the cancellation form will be sent to you automatically.

Cancellation Criteria	Federal Perkins National Direct Made on or after 07/23/92	Federal Perkins Made Prior to 07/23/92	National Direct Made Prior to 07/23/92	National Defense
1. Total and permanent disability or death of borrower	100%	100%	100%	100%
2. Full-time employment in a Head Start Program	100% (15% per year)	100% (15% per year)	100% (15% per year)	N/A
3. Full-time law enforcement or correction officer	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)	N/A
4. Full-time teacher in a low income school eligible for funding under Chapter 1 of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)	100% (15% per year)
5. Full-time special education teacher, including teacher of infants, toddlers, children or youth with disabilities.	100% (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)
6. Provider of early intervention service in a public or non-profit program under public supervision.	100% (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)
7. Full-time teacher of handicapped students in a public or non-profit elementary or secondary school	N/A	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)	100% (over 5 years)
8. Full-time teacher of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, or any field of expertise determined by the state education agency to have a shortage of qualified teachers.	100% (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)
9. Provider or supervisor of the provision of services to high-risk children from low-income communities and their families.	100% (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)
10. Nurse or medical technician providing health care services	100% (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)	100%* (over 5 years)
11. Peace Corps or ACTION programs volunteer	70% (over 4 years)	70% (over 4 years)	70% (over 4 years)	70% (over 4 years)
12. Military Service in U.S. Armed Forces serving under hazardous duty pay.	50% (12.5% per year of qualifying service)	50% (12.5% per year of qualifying service)	50% (12.5% per year of qualifying service)	50% (12.5% per year of <u>consecutive</u> service)
13. Full-time teaching in a public or non-profit elementary or secondary school, an institution of higher education, or an overseas Department of Defense elementary or secondary school	N/A	N/A	N/A	50% (10% per year)

*Benefit eligibility is effective 10/1/98.