What's new in 14-15 Verification

Verification Tracking Groups

- V1- Standard Verification

- V2- No longer used (was previously SNAP Verification)

- V3- Child Support Paid Verification

- V4- Custom Verification Group

- V5- Aggregate Verification Group

- V6- Household Resources Verification Group

Required Verification Items

- See DCL GEN-13-16 and Federal Register Vol. 78, No. 114 posted June 13, 2013

- Items remain the same as 13-14 with the exception of Other Untaxed Income.
  - Those in group Verification group V6 will be required to verify all untaxed information on the FAFSA for parent/student.
  - If income appears insufficient to support the members of the household, then further documentation demonstrating how the family was supported will be required.

Acceptable Documentation

- Nontax filers- Must request a "Verification of Nonfiling" from the IRS if filing status is questioned.
  - These are not issued until after June 15, 2014

- Child Support Paid- In addition on documentation already, listed as acceptable, institutions can now accept records of electronic payments as proof of CS paid.

- HS Completion Status- If HS completion has been verified for purposes other than Title 1V verification, this can be relied upon.

Acceptable Documentation

- HS Completed Abroad- Can Verify using a "secondary school leaving certificate" from the appropriate central government agency.

- Identity/Statement of Education Purpose- After examining original document, you can convert to an electronic document.

FAA Access Updates

- New feature added to report the out come of Identity and High School Diploma/GED verification.

- Enter by student's SSN, Name ID and the Results

- Options
  - Verification completed in person, no issues found
  - Verification completed remotely, no issues found
  - Verification attempted, issues found with identity
  - Verification attempted, issues found with HS completion
  - No response from applicant or unable to locate

- School is not exempt from reporting a code for students who do not enroll.

IRS Display Flags

- Identifies why a student/parent was not eligible to use IRS DRT

- Two sets of alpha-character codes will be created, one for students and one for parents.

Changes to Parent Info

- Students will be required to supply both legal/adoptive parent's information if the parents live together regardless of marital status.
  - This include legal/adoptive parents who are of the same sex and live together.

- FAFSA will have new responses to Parents' Marital Status
  - Never married
  - Unmarried and both parents living together
  - Married or remarried
  - Divorced or separated
  - Widowed

Changes to Parent Info

- Most recent guidance from ED (GEN-13-12 from April 29th, 2013) states that same sex couples will have to indicated "Unmarried and both parents living together".

- Recent changes to IRS rules dictate that same sex couples who are legally married must use the Married Filing Jointly or Married Filing Separately status for Federal Tax Purposes.

  - Currently waiting on guidance pertaining to this change and how it will effect FAFSA completion and verification.

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