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Executive Summary

The NSLDS User Documentation (Deliverable 010) contains instructions on how to use the Web to perform the full range of NSLDS functions. The User Documentation's individual chapters contain the following material:

- **Chapter 1, Overview**—Discusses the NSLDS system architecture and logical data model, and summarizes each Title IV aid function performed by NSLDS.
- **Chapter 2, Security and Systems Management**—Discusses user and system security, resource management, and customer support resources.
- **Chapter 3, Logon**—Gives step-by-step logon instructions to the NSLDSFAP Web site.
- **Chapter 4, Menu**—Explains the Menu Web site capabilities, which include the areas devoted to Messages for the user community, Financial Aid, and Enrollment. It also includes help-related links and icons, which are used throughout the site for quick and easy information and for navigation tools.
- **Chapter 5, Financial Aid**—Gives step-by-step instructions to the Financial Aid pages of the Web site.
- **Chapter 6, Enrollment**—Gives step-by-step instructions to the Enrollment pages of the Web site.
- **Chapter 7, Organization**—Gives step-by-step instructions to the Organization pages of the Web site.
- **Chapter 8, Reporting**—Gives step-by-step instructions to the Reporting pages of the Web site.
- **Chapter 9, Transfer Student Monitoring**—Gives step-by-step instructions to the Transfer Student Monitoring pages of the Web site.
- **Chapter 10, NSLDS Database Tables**—Gives a brief explanation of Relational Database terms. Lists the database entities and their attributes that can be viewed by an ED user, the primary and foreign keys that connect attributes in different tables, and the indexes that allow the construction of efficient queries.
- **Chapter 11, QMF**—Explains how to use the Query Maintenance Facility, an ad hoc query tool, to select, sort, group, and report NSLDS data.

- **Chapter 12, Download**—Explains how to download a data file from the NSLDS mainframe to an individual PC or workstation.
- **Chapter 13, RMDS**—Explains how to use the Report Management Distribution System to view reports before routing them to a final destination.
- **Chapter 14, Acronyms & Terms**—Lists NSLDS acronyms and definitions.
- **Chapter 15, Codes and IDs**—Lists NSLDS codes and IDs, including Validation Translation table and lookup IDs, loan types, deferment types, and codes for guaranty agencies.

What's New with NSLDS

This section lists important changes in the NSLDS since the last release of the User Documentation.

The changes for this version of the User Documentation include the following:

- **Chapter 3, Web Access—Logon**
 - *Section 3.2, Logon*—Changed e-mail to new contractor's address.
- **Chapter 4, Web Access—Menu**
 - *Section 4.2.3, Contact Us*—Changed e-mail to new contractor's address.
- **Chapter 5, Web Access—Financial Aid**
 - *Section 5.2, Loan History*—Added new icon definitions.
 - *Section 5.6, Overpayment History*—Added new icon definitions.
 - *Section 5.7, Pell Grant History*—Added new icon definitions.
- **Chapter 8, Web Access—Reporting**
 - *Section 8.2.1, Report Parameters*—Changed e-mail to new contractor's address.

- **Chapter 10, NSLDS Database Tables**

- *Section 10.2, Entity/Attribute Table*—The table includes the following changes:

Attribute Changes

Entity Name	Attributes Added	Attributes Deleted
GA_SUM	FEE_RT	
SCH_DEM	CPS_TRAN_DATA_TYPE	
	CPS_TRAN_SRC_CODE	
		CPS_RCD_TYPE
	FATH_DOB	
	FATH_FST_INIT	
	FATH_SSN_MTCH_IND	
	MOTH_DOB	
	MOTH_FST_INIT	
	MOTH_SSN_MATCH_IND	

- *Section 10.3, Table Relationships and Keys*—The table includes the following changes:

Parent Table	Primary Key	Dependent Table	Foreign Key
AGG_DESC_DET	DESC_ID	GA_SUM	AGG_DESC_ID
	ID		AGG_DESC_DET_ID



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