

Repayment Plans Compared

Which Repayment Plan Works for You?	Traditional Plans			Income-Driven Plans				
	Standard	Extended	Graduated	Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR)	Income-Based Repayment (IBR) (for those who borrowed prior to 7/1/14)	Income-Based Repayment (IBR) (for new borrowers as of 7/1/14)	Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)
Which Loan Program(s) Qualify?	Direct & FFEL	Direct & FFEL	Direct & FFEL	Direct only	Direct & FFEL	Direct only	Direct only	Direct only
What Are the Advantages to This Plan?	May provide the lowest total repayment cost (due to less interest accruing)	Reduced monthly payment, without consolidating	Can offer temporary relief to borrowers expecting an income increase in the near future	Provides a lower monthly payment. Capitalized interest cannot exceed 10% of original loan balance. After this, interest accrues but does not capitalize.	Provides a lower payment based on family size and AGI for the household, but there is no limit to interest capitalization	Payments mirror the PAYE payments, but there is no limit to interest capitalization	Possibly offers the lowest required monthly payment during residency. Capitalized interest cannot exceed 10% of original loan balance. After this, interest accrues but does not capitalize.	Possibly offers the lowest required monthly payment during residency. (When monthly payment doesn't cover the interest, you are responsible for only 50% of it.)
How Is the Monthly Payment Determined?	Payments are calculated equally over the repayment term; payment based on total amount owed	Equal monthly payments stretched over a longer term; payment based on total amount owed	Payments begin lower (interest only in the first 2 years of a 10-year term) and then increase	Payments are based on the lesser of 20% of your monthly discretionary income, or your monthly payment on a 12-year plan times a percentage factor based on your income	Payments are capped at 15% of your monthly discretionary income, and based on your AGI and family size	Payments are capped at 10% of your monthly discretionary income, and based on your AGI and family size	Payments are capped at 10% of your monthly discretionary income, and based on your family size and AGI for the household	Payments are capped at 10% of your monthly discretionary income and based on your family size and AGI for the household
What is the Repayment Term?	10 years (up to 30 years if consolidated)	25 years	10 years (up to 30 years if consolidated)	25 years (after which any remaining balance receives a taxable forgiveness)	Up to 25 years (after which any remaining balance receives a taxable forgiveness)	Up to 20 years (after which any remaining balance receives a taxable forgiveness)	Up to 20 years (after which any remaining balance receives a taxable forgiveness)	Up to 25 years for a graduate-level student borrower (after which any remaining balance receives a taxable forgiveness)
What Are the Eligibility Requirements?	This plan is available upon request	Must owe more than \$30,000 in Direct Loans or FFEL	This plan is available upon request	No initial income eligibility. Payments are based on income and family size.	Must have a Partial Financial Hardship to qualify	Must be a new borrower on or after 7/1/2014, and also have a Partial Financial Hardship to qualify	Must have a Partial Financial Hardship, be a new borrower on or after 10/1/2007, and have a Direct Loan disbursement on or after 10/1/2011. Available only for Direct Loans.	Available only for Direct Loans, and there are no additional eligibility requirements.
Does It Qualify for PSLF?	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What Else Should Be Known about This Plan?	This is the default plan if no other plan is selected. A consolidation loan must be repaid on a 10-year Standard plan (or an income-driven plan) in order to qualify for PSLF.	This plan will generally cost more due to longer repayment term and the total interest paid over the extended term.	The minimum payment is interest only, which can result in higher interest costs compared with the Standard plan.	Verification of income and family size must be provided annually; no cap on the maximum payment amount.	Verification of income and family size must be provided annually; payments can be as low as \$0/month.	Verification of income and family size must be provided annually; payments can be as low as \$0/month.	Verification of income and family size must be provided annually; payments can be as low as \$0/month.	No cap on the maximum payment amount nor a cap on the amount of interest that can capitalize. Verification of income and family size must be provided annually; payments can be as low as \$0/month.