

Loss of Subsidized Loan Eligibility for Graduate and Professional Students

Effective for loans made for periods of enrollment (loan periods) beginning on or after July 1, 2012, graduate and professional students are no longer eligible to receive Federal Direct Subsidized Loans. The terms and conditions of Direct Subsidized Loans received by any student for loan periods beginning before July 1, 2012, for either graduate or undergraduate study, are not affected by this change.

The annual loan limit for graduate and professional students remains unchanged at \$20,500 (\$47,167 for certain health professions students), but this amount will now be limited to Direct Unsubsidized Loans, as shown in the following chart:

Annual Loan Limits for Graduate/Professional Students				
	Loans for loan periods beginning before July 1, 2012		Loans for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012	
	Subsidized Loan Maximum	Unsubsidized Loan Maximum	Subsidized Loan Maximum	Unsubsidized Loan Maximum
All Graduate and Professional Students	\$8,500	\$20,500, less any subsidized amount received	\$0	\$20,500
Certain Health Professions Students	\$8,500	\$47,167, less any subsidized amount received	\$0	\$47,167

The aggregate loan limit for graduate and professional students remains unchanged at \$138,500 (\$224,000 for certain health professions students), not more than \$65,500 of which may be in subsidized loans.