Hello, I am Desiree Dreszer, Director of Product Management on the Oracle Student Financial Aid team, and in this spotlight I will be reviewing the updates we delivered in 25B.

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Regulatory Updates

Packaging/Awarding Configuration Enhancements

Today, I'll walk you through the key updates and enhancements included in 25B.
First, we'll review the latest regulatory updates and then I'll discuss enhancements to packaging and awarding configurations that will help streamline your approaches for summer and crossover aid years.
Finally, I'll point you to resources that are available to make your transition to these updates as smooth as possible.

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Let's start with reviewing the regulatory updates.

Updated ISIR Comment Codes for 2024-25 and 2025-26 Award Years

Align with Dept. of Ed updates to Volumes 5 and 7 of the FAFSA Specification Guides for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 ISIR Award Years, which included new comment and reject codes.

	Updates within SFA	Impacted Aid Years
Added new Comment Code 329 • Description - There was an issue while processing your FAFSA form. Unfortunately, we were not able to calculate a Student Aid Index (SAI) or determine your Pell Grant eligibility. We are working on resolving the issue. No action is required from you at this time. The colleges or career schools you listed on your FAFSA form will receive updates as the issue is resolved. • Reason for Comment - SAI is blank and current transaction has no other rejects	**Updates were made to ISIR_C_CODES workbook** • Comment Code 329 was added with Auto Code Clearing Logic	2024-25 2025-26
Added new Reject Code 68 • Reject Reason - SAI is blank and current transaction is not rejected • Resolution - No Action Needed	**Updates made to ISIR_REJECT_TO_C_CODES workbook** • Reject Code 68 is mapped to C-Code 329 **Updates made to ISIR_REJECT_CODES workbook** • Reject Code 68 was added with Auto Code Clearing Logic	2024-25 2025-26

See Support of the Department of Education's February 21st ISIR updates posted on Cloud Customer Connect on how to resolve students that have received ISIRs with the new codes prior to the release. Query was provided to find any ISIRs that contain a C-Code of 329 along with steps to update the ISIR.

Within the May Maintenance Pack for 25B, regulatory updates were made to align with the Department of Education's February 21st FAFSA specification updates for both the 2024-25 and 2025-26 award years. We've added new Comment Code 329 and Reject Code 68 to support these changes. You can see the listed impacts to the ISIR C Codes and ISIR Reject to C Codes workbooks.

If your institution received ISIRs with these new codes prior to the release, refer to the Cloud Customer Connect post for resolving these cases. A query is available to find any ISIRs that contain the new C-Code 329, along with process steps to update those records.

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Alright moving now onto the packaging and awarding configuration enhancements.

Resolved Summer Defects with 25B Release

Enhancing summer automation through updates to your configuration approach.

Configure Non Federal Fund periods outside award year dates

If you have an award year based non federal fund whose period start/end dates are outside the 7/1-6/30 award year date range, a new withAllowOutsideAwardYear() method can now be leveraged to allow packaging the period as desired.

```
// Example:
// June Start Date is before Summer Term Start Date
// June End Date does NOT crosses over into July

monthPeriods.add(new NfrPeriod(101, "2025 Summer: June",
new LocalDate("2025-06-27"), new
LocalDate("2025-06-30")).withAllowOutsideAwardYear(true));
```

Fund configuration for prior years is no longer required for crossover years

When an academic year crosses over two aid years (e.g. Summer Header) and you have configured for the upcoming aid year to be selected for Federal and Non-Federal Fund awarding, you no longer need to have the current year configuration set up.

This allows new schools implementing SFA to limit their configuration set up.

Fund Acceptance returned for new year when aid year switches

When a student accepts their funding and the award year subsequently changes either due to schedule or configuration change, if the award amount remains the same, the student is not required to reaccept funding.

In these scenarios, the fund acceptance is now associated to the current award year, and can be retrieved in configuration when leveraging existing method getInAwardYear of the fundAcceptance binding.

With Update 25B, there were several few critical updates that further enhanced your summer automation, especially for those who have summer header programs.

You now have the ability to configure Non Federal Fund periods outside the award year dates. This will allow you to create funds that require multiple NFF periods and disbursements, to fall outside of the standard award year dates.

Additionally, fund configuration for prior years is no longer required for crossover years. This means that if you are a new implementing school, you can limit your configuration set up to only the award years you intend to package for.

And lastly, if your student has accepted their funds for an award year and the schedule or set up has updated causing the award year to change, the system now correctly retrieves that fund acceptance for the new award year via configuration.

Enhanced Award Override Regulatory Configuration Flexibility

Improving Summer loan processing via additional flexibility in defining which terms will be included in the student need calculation for Title IV loans.

Common Use Cases

- Student declines standard term direct loans and annual award rolled into a summer-only award.

- Student does not take action on standard term awards and annual award rolled into a summer-only award.

- When subsidized loans limited by term COA, that terms' COA/EFA can be declared using the new method to be included as non-regulatory and part of need calculation.

New Methods

withRegulatory - Defines whether business rule is regulatory or not.
  - When $0, sets isEligible flag
  - If parameter set to False, then COA/EFA of term will be included in need calculation.

withNonRegulatory - Additional method to define whether business rule is non-regulatory.

Steps to Enable

1. Review Baseline Configuration delivered with June MMP

2. Update **Award_Overriding_Criteria groovy script** within **FAS_FUND_CONFIG.csv** workbook

3. New methods must be **merged and tested prior to packaging Summer 2026** to prevent re-distribution of Summer funding.

Within the June Maintenance pack for 25B, we've introduced greater flexibility for summer loan processing.

New methods, withRegulatory and withNonRegulatory, allow you to specify which terms are considered in student need calculations for Title IV loans.

For example, if a student declines standard term direct loans and their annual award is rolled into a summer-only award, or if subsidized loans are limited by term, you can adjust the configuration as needed.

You can implement these changes by reviewing the Baseline Configuration and updating your Award_Overriding_Criteria script. It is important that you make these changes prior to awarding summer, otherwise you run the risk of redistributing funding and causing returns.

Baseline Configuration Update

How are need periods calculated when fund acceptance is declined in standard terms and awards are packaged as Summer-only award.

Current State

Summer COA - $8500
SAI - 4500
EFA - $4000
Remaining Need - $0

Summer-only need period

Fall	Spring	Summer
Sub - $0	Sub - $0	NFF - $4000
Accepted Amount - $0	Accepted Amount - $0	~~Sub - $3500~~

Adding Non-Regulatory Method

Total COA (Fall/Spring/Summer) - $25500
SAI - 4500
EFA - $4000
Remaining Need - $17000

Academic Year need period

Fall	Spring	Summer
Sub - $0	Sub - $0	NFF - $4000
Accepted Amount - $0	Accepted Amount - $0	Sub - $3500

On this slide, we've included an example scenario highlighting the Baseline Configuration updates that we made with this feature.

Previously, when the student declined their funding causing a summer only loan, the summer cost of attendance, student aid index, and estimated financial assistance were only considered for the summer term, which sometimes resulted in a calculated remaining need of zero, even when additional need existed across the academic year.

Now, using the new non-regulatory method, we can include the full academic year's cost of attendance, student aid index, and other financial assistance in the need calculation when appropriate. For example, by including fall, spring, and summer in these calculations, the system reflects the that there is remaining need for the student to receive a summer-only award.

As mentioned before please review the update to baseline configuration and incorporate these changes based on your institutional policy for calculating need in these scenarios.

Resources

Oracle Cloud
https://oracle.com

Oracle Cloud Readiness Content
https://docs.oracle.com/en/cloud/saas/readiness

Oracle Cloud Customer Connect
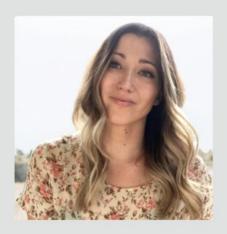https://cloudcustomerconnect.oracle.com

Oracle Documentation
https://docs.oracle.com

For more information on Oracle Student Financial Aid, see the Readiness What's New documentation on the Oracle Help Center at docs.oracle.com and these other resources.

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Thank You.

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Thank you for your time and attention as we explored the latest updates in 25B.