

# IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS

By the Consumer Bankruptcy Project

Check out this resource to stay on top of important dates and deadlines related to your student loans. Whether it's repayment schedules, deferment periods, or application timelines, this comprehensive guide is designed to ensure you navigate your student loan journey in 2024.

## Consolidation for IDR Account Adjustment

April 30th, 2024

- If you have Federal Family Education Loans, Health Education Assistance Loans, and school-held Perkins loans, you must consolidate into a Direct Consolidation Loan so it can count towards the IDR adjustment. Public service workers should also submit a Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) application with employment certification.

July 1st, 2024

## SAVE Plan Phases Out

- Reduce your monthly payments from 10% to 5% of income above 225% of the poverty level.
- Forgiving any remaining balance for borrowers with original principal balances of \$12,000 or less who have made 10 years of payments.
- Consolidated loans will receive credit for a weighted average of payments toward forgiveness.
- If you make additional "catch-up" payments, you receive credit for all other periods of student loan deferment or forbearance.

## Fresh Start Initiative Enrollment Ends

August 30th, 2024

By applying for this program, you will be able to restore access to federal student aid, improve your credit standing, and have the opportunity to enroll in an affordable repayment plan.

September 30th, 2024

## On Ramp Ends

The On Ramp program will offer up to 12 months from October 1st of 2023 to September 30th, 2024, providing relief for late, missed, or partial payments for vulnerable borrowers.

## NEED LEGAL HELP?

The City Bar Justice Center's **Consumer Bankruptcy Project (CBP)** advises New Yorkers struggling with consumer debt on their options and eligibility to file for bankruptcy relief – and, through its **student loan** practice, also assists borrowers with federal and private student loans via community education and individual counseling.



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