

# Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)

## How to Qualify for PSLF



Have eligible loans: **Direct Loans only.**



Make eligible payments: **any income-driven repayment plan.**



Work for a qualifying employer: **501(c)(3) nonprofit or government work.**



After making 120 qualifying payments: **apply for forgiveness.**

For more information, visit [aamc.org/first/facts/pslf](https://aamc.org/first/facts/pslf).

## How to Check Your PSLF Status



Submit a PSLF form annually to FedLoan Servicing ([myfedloan.org](https://myfedloan.org)) and immediately before and after any job change. PSLF form: [aamc.org/pslfform](https://aamc.org/pslfform).



View your progress toward PSLF in your FedLoan Servicing account or in your FSA account. Progress is not tracked in real time and is only updated after processing your annual PSLF form.



Refer to the Federal Student Aid PSLF Help Tool: [aamc.org/pslfhelptool](https://aamc.org/pslfhelptool).

## Why Is “No One” Qualifying for PSLF?

The majority of application denials could have been avoided. Between October 2017 and November 2020, the most prevalent reasons borrowers did not qualify for PSLF were:

Not enough qualifying payments **59%**

Incomplete application **26%**

No eligible loans **11%**

**DON'T MAKE THESE COMMON MISTAKES!**

Source: U.S. Department of Education. November 2020 PSLF report. [studentaid.gov/data-center/student/loan-forgiveness/pslf-data](https://studentaid.gov/data-center/student/loan-forgiveness/pslf-data).

## The Value of PSLF to a Physician

The forgiven amount has no limit and is not taxed.

### SCENARIO 1: DR. PEDS

Borrowed **\$200,000** | Starting salary **\$165,000**

Total years (including residency) **10**

	Amount repaid	Amount forgiven
Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	\$131,000	\$243,000
Revised PAYE (REPAYE)	\$131,000	\$228,000

### SCENARIO 2: DR. CARDIO

Borrowed **\$200,000** | Starting salary **\$300,000**

Total years (including residency) **10**

	Amount repaid	Amount forgiven
Pay As You Earn (PAYE)	\$152,000	\$225,000
Revised PAYE (REPAYE)	\$161,000	\$180,000

To estimate your PSLF forgiveness amount, use the MedLoans® Organizer and Calculator: [aamc.org/medloans](https://aamc.org/medloans).

## Plan Ahead



To date, the PSLF program has remained unchanged from its original form. Like any federal program, an act of Congress could change PSLF, so **have a backup plan** for managing your student loan debt.