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Repayment Strategies for Graduating Medical School Students

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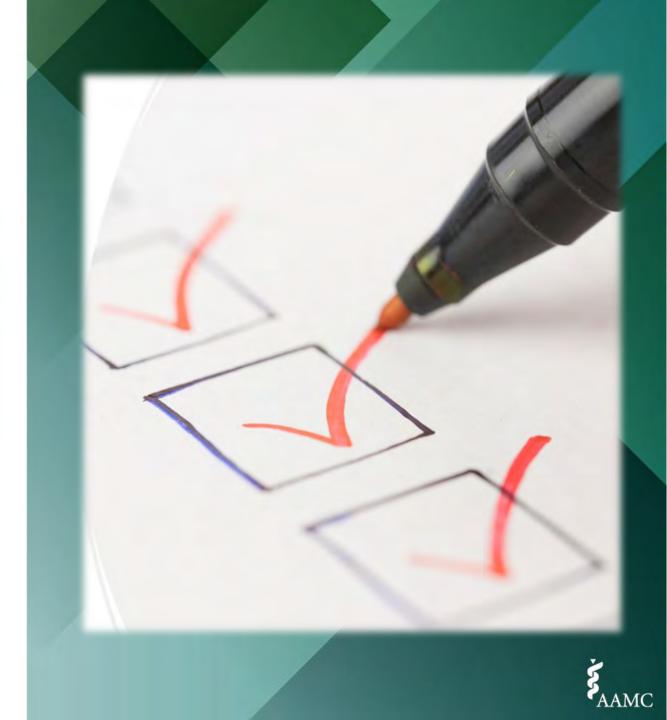


Frequently Asked Questions

- Will I be able to repay my loans during residency?
- How can I select the right payment plan for me?
- Should I apply for Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)?
- Is consolidation or refinancing the best option for me?

Agenda for Our Session

- Timeline for Repayment
- Where to Find Your Loans
- What Are Your Options?
- Repayment Plans
- Repayment Scenarios
- Budgeting in Your Payment
- Additional Resources





Timeline for Repayment



Timeline for Graduating Medical Students

Now - What loans do you have? Are they federal loans or nonfederal loans? Before Graduation – Do you have undergrad loans with a grace period? When do payments start?

Upon Graduation – Do you need to or want to consolidate?

Beginning Residency— Are you pursuing PSLF? Submit all necessary forms immediately. 90 Days Before Grace
Ends – Which repayment
plan is best for you?
Explore all options
available to you.

90 Days Before First Repayment Year Ends – Recertify income annually and re-evaluate which plan is best for you.

When To Make Your First Payment

Subsidized (6 months)

Unsubsidized (6 months)

Grace Period

PLUS (6 months)

Perkins (9 months)



Keep in mind that interest IS STILL ACCRUING...



- When you're in deferment (enrolled in school) *not sub
- If you're in forbearance (during residency)
- While you're in a payment plan (any plan)
- If you have consolidated your loans
- During your grace period



Where to Find Your Loans



What Loans Do You Have?

Federal Loans



Eligibility determined by your school, serviced by Department of Education contracted servicer

Institutional Loans



Awarded and serviced by the school

Private Loans



Awarded and serviced by outside financial institution/organization





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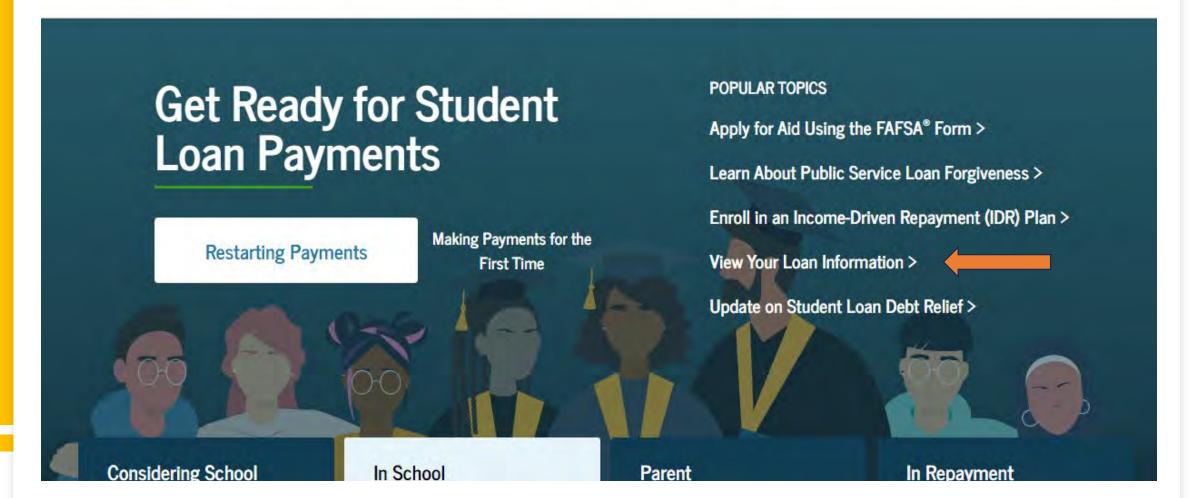
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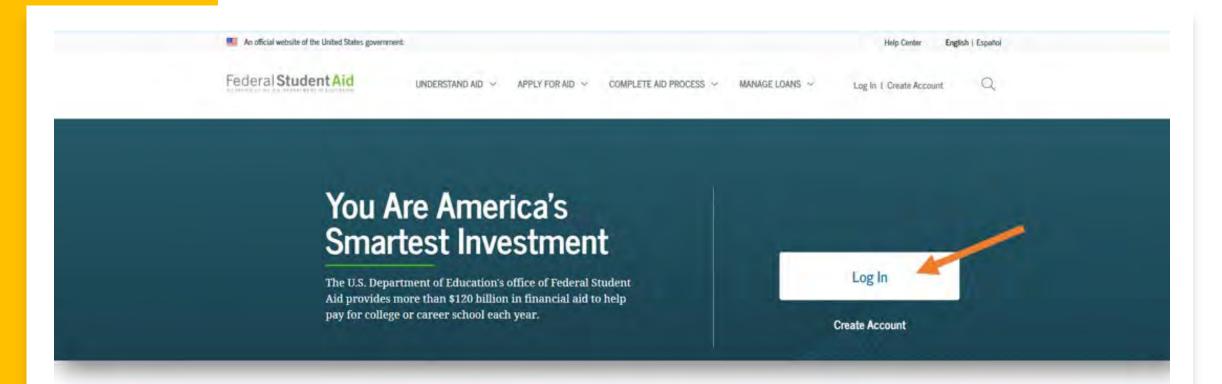
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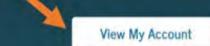
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Find your federal student loan information.



Manage Loans

Navigate the student loan repayment process with confidence: make payments, change repayment plans, explore options, and get help.



Understanding Student Loan Repayment

Learn about federal student loan repayment based on where you are in the process.



I'm Starting School or In School



I'm About to Graduate or Leave College

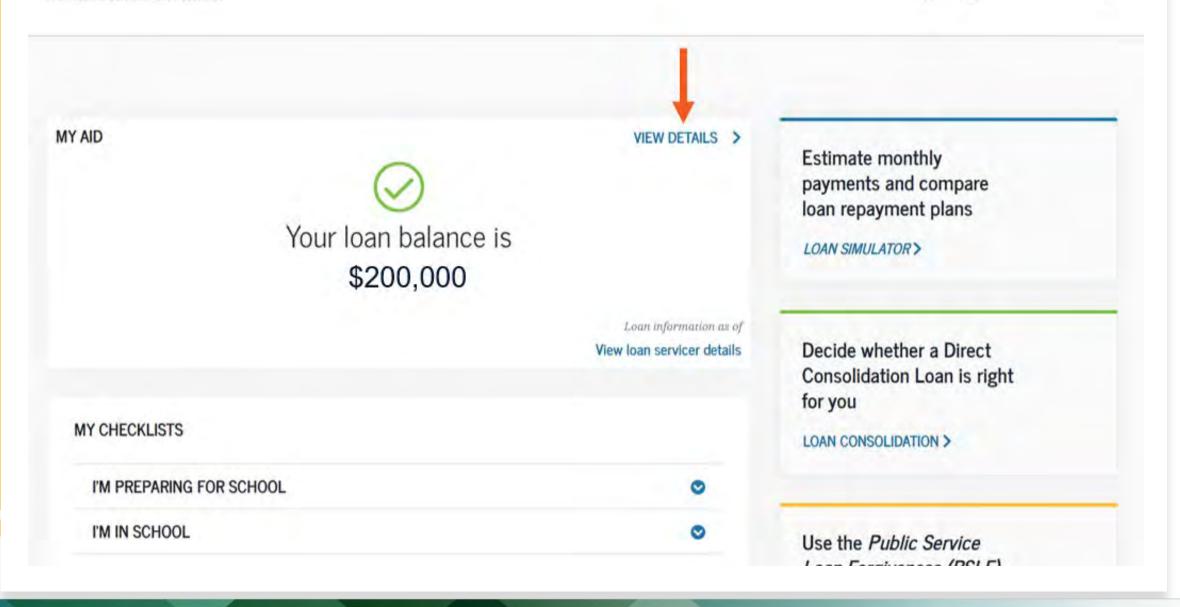


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Fixed Interest Rates

Unsubsidized Loan

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M2 - 5.28%

M3 - 6.54%

M4 - 7.05%

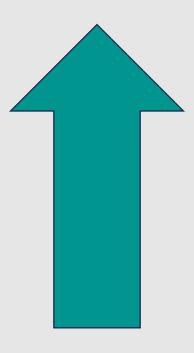
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Subsidized

Government pays the interest while the student is enrolled at least half-time in school, during deferment, and during certain periods of time with some of the Income-Driven Repayment plans.

Subsidized Loan Examples

Direct Subsidized Loans

Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)

Primary Care Loans (PCL)

Perkins

Unsubsidized

Borrower is responsible for the interest that accrues on the loan from the time the loan is disbursed until the loan is paid in full.

Unsubsidized Loan Examples

Direct Unsubsidized Loans

Direct Grad PLUS Loans

Private or Alternative Loans



Keep track of your loans and review possible repayment scenarios yearly.

aamc.org/medloans

Identifying Your Servicer

The following are loan servicers for loans that the U.S Department of Education (ED) owns. To find out who your loan servicer is,

- visit your account dashboard and scroll down to the "My Loan Servicers" section, or
- call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-433-3243.

Loan Servicer	Contact	
Edfinancial 🗹	1-855-337-6884	
MOHELA 🗹	1-888-866-4352	
Aidvantage 🗹	1-800-722-1300	
Nelnet 🗹	1-888-486-4722	
ECSI 🗹	1-866-313-3797	
Default Resolution Group 🗹	Resolution Group 🗹 1-800-621-3115 (TTY: 1-877-825-9923 for the deaf or hard of hearing	

Servicers of Direct Student Loans



Any Questions So Far?



What Options Do You Have with Loans?



To Pay or Not to Pay

Go Into Repayment

- Monthly minimum payment is due
- Interest still accrues on loans
- Reduces debt upon end of residency
- Must choose payment plan before end of grace period
- Can opt out and any time with no penalty
- You could qualify for an interest deduction on your taxes



Go Into Forbearance

- No monthly payment
- Interest is accruing on loans
- Debt continues to grow during residency
- Must apply for this option before payment is due
- Can opt out at any time with no penalty



Reasons to Consolidate

Do you have multiple servicers?

Do you have loans from prior to med school that you've made payments on?

Do you want to enroll in an IDR plan and start repayment before your 6-month grace period is over?

Do you have loans that aren't currently eligible for PAYE/IBR/SAVE or Public Service Loan Forgiveness?





Should You Refinance?

If you have good credit, you may be able to refinance your existing federal student loans into a private loan.

Before doing that, it's important to understand the full impact of making this permanent change to your loans.

Know About Refinancing

Ask Yourself These:

- Will this new private loan have a variable interest rate?
- Will you be working in public service? (This may include work during residency or a fellowship or while you are employed at an academic institution)
- Will the payments be affordable and/or is postponing payments an option during residency?
- Are you comfortable with assuming more risk in your financial life?

And Always Remember:

- Federal loans will give you the ability to benefit from flexible terms and conditions, including access to income-driven repayment plans and possible loan forgiveness, potential interest subsidies, limits to monthly payment amounts, the availability of a death and disability discharge, and possible student loan tax deductions.
- Be sure the reward received in a refinance is enough to offset the potential risk.



Public Service Loan Forgiveness





Your PSLF Checklist

- Be sure you work for a qualifying employer.
- Complete the PSLF form when you start your residency program.
- Ask your employer to complete the employer section of the PSLF form.
- Submit the PSLF Form to MOHELA (servicer) each year and if you change employer.



Website Enhancements

FSA has made several updates across StudentAid.gov notifying borrowers of this change. The pages that will be updated are as follows:

- StudentAid.gov/public-service
- StudentAid.gov/pslf

Borrowers may now use the updated PSLF Help Tool to:

- Complete the PSLF form,
- Send the form to employers for their digital signature (certifying employment)
- Electronically submit the form to the PSLF servicer for processing (MOHELA)























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Repayment Plans



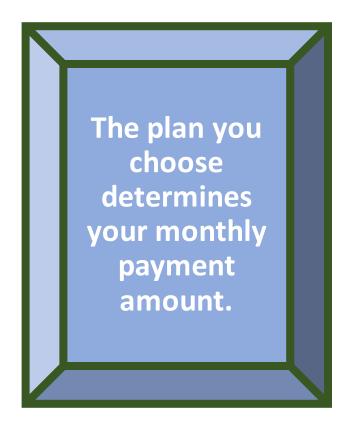
Steps to Prepare for Repayment



- Update your contact information
- Explore affordable payment plans
- If in an Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plan, recertify your income
- Enroll in autopay
- Learn your monthly payment amount
- Make your payment
- Check if you qualify for a type of loan forgiveness

https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/prepare-payments-restart





Traditional Repayment Plans				
Standard (payments do not change)	Up to 10 years			
Extended (payments fixed or gradually increase)	Up to 25 years			
Graduated (payments start small but increase)	Up to 10 years			

Income-Driven Repayment Plans				
Income-Based Repayment (IBR)* 10%-15% of discretionary income	Up to 20 years			
Income-Contingent Prepayment (ICR) 20% of discretionary income	Up to 25 years			
Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) 5%-10% of discretionary income	Up to 25 years			

^{*} For new borrowers on or after July 1st, 2014.





	PAYE (Pay As You Earn)	IBR (Income Based Repayment)	SAVE (Saving on A Valuable Education)
Payment Calculation	10% of discretionary income (can be capped)	10% of discretionary income (can be capped)	5%-10% of discretionary income (if undergrad and grad loans)
Repayment Term	Up to 20 years possible	Up to 20 years possible	Up to 25 years possible
Spousal Income	Yes (not when filing separately)	Yes (not when filing separately)	Yes (not when filing separately)
Income Requirement	Must show PFH	Must show PFH	No
Interest Subsidy (unsub loans)	Yes, on sub loans	Yes, on sub loans	Yes (all covered that exceeds monthly payment)
PSLF Eligible	Yes	Yes	Yes
Interest Capitalization	No	Yes (with no PFH or leaves plan)	No

Saving with SAVE

With the new SAVE plan, any interest that accrues which exceeds your monthly payment is **eliminated**.

Example:

Debt - **\$200,000**Monthly interest - **\$1,000**Monthly Payment - **\$250**

Interest above payment - \$750

\$750 is eliminated!





Repayment Scenarios



Dr. Internal Medicine

Career: Internal Medicine

Length of Residency: 3 years

Student Loan Debt: \$212,000

Starting Residency Stipend: \$64,300

Post-Residency Starting Salary: \$180,000





Dr. Internal Medicine

(3-Year Residency and \$180,000 Salary)

Repayment Plan	Total Years of Payment	Residency Payment Amount	Attending Payment Amount	Total Amount Paid	Amount Forgiven
PAYE (IBR after July 1, 2024)	20	\$350-\$390	\$1,400-\$1,900	\$347,000	\$114,000
SAVE	25	\$250-\$290	\$1,300-\$1,800	\$419,000	\$29,000
Forbearance then Standard	13	\$0	\$2,900	\$349,000	N/A

Dr. Radiologist

Career: Radiology

Length of Residency: 4 years

Student Loan Debt: \$212,000

Starting Residency Stipend: \$64,300

Post-Residency Starting Salary: \$250,000





Dr. Radiologist (4-Year Residency and \$250,000 Salary)

Repayment Plan	Total Years of Payment	Residency Payment Amount	Attending Payment Amount	Total Amount Paid	Amount Forgiven		
PAYE (IBR after July 1, 2024)	18	\$350-\$410	\$2,100-\$2,500	\$399,000	\$0		
SAVE	17	\$250-\$310	\$2,000-\$2,500	\$341,000	\$0		
Forbearance then Standard	14	\$0	\$3,000	\$364,000	N/A		

Dr. Urologist

Career: **Urology**

Length of Residency: **5 years**

Student Loan Debt: \$212,000

Starting Residency Stipend: \$64,300

Post-Residency Starting Salary: \$400,000





Dr. Urologist (5-Year Residency and \$400,000 Salary)

Repayment Plan	Total Years of Payment	Residency Payment Amount	Attending Payment Amount	Total Amount Paid	Amount Forgiven	
PAYE (IBR after July 1, 2024)	18	\$350-\$440	\$2,500	\$405,000	\$ 0	
SAVE	11	\$250-\$330	\$3,400-\$3,800	\$292,000	\$0	
Forbearance then Standard	15	\$0	\$3,200	\$378,000	N/A	



Any Questions So Far?

Budgeting in Your Loan Payment



LIVING ON A RESIDENT'S BUDGET

Yearly Stipend: \$64,300*



Monthly Gross Income: \$5,358

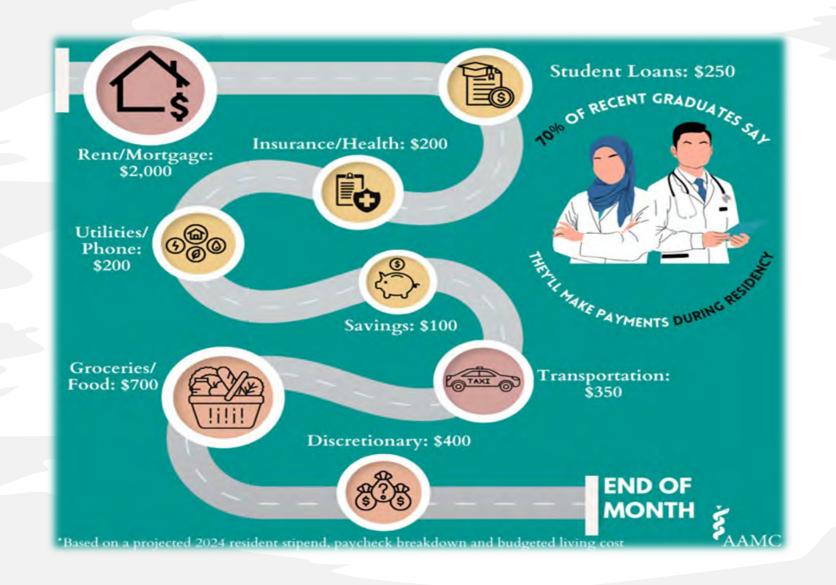
- Medicare: \$78

- State/Local Taxes: \$214

- Social Security: \$332

- Federal: \$534

Monthly Net Income: \$4,200







Budget Worksheet for Residents

For more information about budgeting as a resident, review this adaptable.

MONTHLY INCOME		MONTHLY VARIABLE EXPENSES:	
Salary (after deductions)	\$0.00	Food/novsenoid supplies	50.00
Spouse salary (after deductions)	\$6.00	Dining out	\$0.00
Investment income	\$0.00	Clothes	\$0.00
Gitta	\$0.00	Laundry/dry cleaning	\$0.00
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Total Monthly Income	50.00	Paning	\$0.00
		Medical/dercs/eye care	\$0.00
MONTHLY FIXED EXPENSES:		Entertainment	10.00
Savings	10.00	Travel/vacation	10.00
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Phone	50.00	Music/books/journals	\$0.00
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Other transportation	50,00	Cattle TV and internal	\$0.00
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		Equals Total Monthly Expenses	\$0.00
		Total Income	10.00
		Less Total Expenses	\$0.00
		Equals Total Discretionary Income	\$0.00

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Travel	\$	75	\$	100	\$	125	\$	100	\$	300		\$	700	\$	140
Toiletries	\$	50	\$	50	\$	75	\$	50	\$	50		\$	275	\$	55
Entertainment	\$	50	\$	100	\$	50	\$	250	\$	50		\$	500	\$	100
Study Materials	\$	200	\$	50	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		\$	250	\$	50
Total	\$	675	\$	700	\$	600	\$	775	\$	600		\$	3,350	\$	670
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Travel	\$	200	\$	75	\$	50	\$	75	\$	50		\$	450	\$	90
Toiletries	\$	30	\$	50	\$	50	\$	65	\$	50		\$	245	\$	49
Entertainment	\$	50	\$	75	\$	75	\$	150	\$	50		\$	400	\$	80
Study Materials	\$	100	\$	-	\$	25	\$	-	\$	50		\$	175	\$	35
Total	\$	655	\$	525	\$	500	\$	590	\$	525		\$	2,795	\$	559

Put A Monthly Budget In Writing

- Review bank or credit card statements often
- Keep accurate financial records
- Know your spending limits



Life Events Will Affect Your Plan

Making a plan is just the first step. You then need to update it as your life changes.

- Changes in income.
- Change to your investment risk-tolerance as you approach retirement.
- Change to marital status.
- Changes to the number of dependents.
- Set new goals once you've achieved previous goals.







Additional Resources for You



Guide to Money Management and Student Loans

This **NEW** guide discusses applying for financial aid, borrowing student loans, managing money, and repayment options after medical school and during residency.

Guide to Money Management and Student Loans

Search There are many important concepts to know about money management and borrowing student loans. The Search Publication information found in this guide will help you establish a strong financial foundation as well as help you navigate **Guide to Money** the borrowing process at specific points in your medical Management and Student education. Loans The Entering Medical School chapter contains Entering Medical School information about: Continuing Your Medical · Applying for financial aid. Education · Understanding your aid offer. Graduating Medical School · Managing undergraduate loans. Understanding cost of attendance. Residency · Borrowing and budgeting wisely.



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Next Steps



Before Graduation

Step 1: Find out what loans you have, who your servicer(s) are, and when your payments will be due by logging into your Federal Student Aid (FSA) account. Set up an account on your loan servicer's website if you haven't done this yet.

Step 2: If any of your loans don't have a grace period contact your, co loan servicer(s) to select a repayment plan or request a deferment or forbearance.



After Graduation

Step 3: Determine if you want (or need) to apply for a Direct Consolidation Loan.

Consolidation is not a requirement (or necessary) for all borrowers. Borrowers can only apply for a Direct Consolidation Loan after the loan servicer is officially notified of the student's separation date, which is handled by staff at the medical school.



At the Beginning of Residency, Annually, and if you Change Employers

Step 4: If interested in Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF), complete the borrower section of the PSLF form, have your employer complete their section, and then submit the PSLF form to MOHELA (PSLF servicer).



Before the end of Your 6-Month Grace/Post-Enrollment Deferment Period

Step 5A: If you want to make payments during residency: about 60 days before the end of your grace period, apply for your repayment plan. Apply for an income-driven repayment plan on the Federal Student Aid (FSA) website or by contacting your loan servicer(s). If you submit your application too early, it can be denied, and you may have to re-apply.

Step 5B: If you want to postpone payments during residency: contact your loan servicer at least 30 days before the end of your grace period to request a mandatory residency forbearance.



Annually

Step 6A: If you are enrolled in an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan, submit your income and household size information to your servicer by the servicer's re-certification due date. Check with your loan servicer for the re-certification date and mark this on your calendar.

Step 6A: If you are enrolled in a mandatory residency forbearance and want to continue it, be sure to submit the forbearance request form annually before the original request expires.

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- Put your plan in writing for use a free online budgeting tool), review it periodically, and make adjustments when recessary.
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