

Appendix A1: Summary of Inspector General Audits and Government Accountability Office Reports

For all Department of Education Inspector General reports for FY 2010, please visit the Inspector General's Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/reports.html>.

For Government Accountability Office reports on education for FY 2010, please visit GAO's Web site at <http://www.gao.gov/docsearch/agency.php>.

Relevant Inspector General Reports

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

To view the Department's Office of Inspector General reports about the *Recovery Act* as posted on Recovery.gov, go to:

http://www.recovery.gov/Accountability/inspectors/Pages/findings.aspx?agency_code=91.

To view the Department's Office of Inspector General Web page about the *Recovery Act* reports, go to: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/recoveryact.html>.

Selected Reports From the IG Site

- State Educational Agencies' Implementation of Federal Cash Management Requirements
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/AlertMemorandums/I09j0007.pdf>
- Corrections Needed to Information about Federal Education Programs Included in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/AlertMemorandums/I16j0075.pdf>
- The Department's Process to Ensure Data Quality Under the Reporting Requirements of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a19j0004.pdf>

Student Financial Assistance Programs and Operations

- Department's Oversight of the Direct Loan Program
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/x19i0006.pdf>
- Great Lakes Educational Loan Services Compliance with Selected Requirements of the *Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008*
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a05j0013.pdf>
- Reporting Requirements for the *Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008* Loan Purchase Programs Have Not Been Met
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/I03k0004.pdf>
- Review of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Standards for Program Length
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/aireports/x13j0003.pdf>

Higher Education

- Weaknesses in the Regulations and Guidelines for Department of Education-Approved Publishers of the Ability-to-Benefit Test
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/alternativeproducts/x11j0002.pdf>
- Definition of a High School Diploma as a Condition for Receiving Federal Student Aid
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/alternativeproducts/x11k0001.pdf>
- Carnegie Student Loans' Compliance With Lender Inducement Provisions
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a05i0026.pdf>
- Alert Memorandum—The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools' Decision to Accredite American Intercontinental University
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/AlertMemorandums/l13j0006.pdf>
- Review of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's Standards for Program Length
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/aireports/i13j0005.pdf>
- Review of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools—Commission on Colleges' Standards for Program Length
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/aireports/i13j0004.pdf>

Elementary and Secondary Education

- Center for Civic Education's Administration of Selected Programs
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a09i0010.pdf>
- Office of Indian Education's Management of the Professional Development Grant Program
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a19i0002.pdf>
- Charter School Vulnerabilities
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/invtreports/x42k0002.pdf>

Other Reports

- Security Over Certification and Accreditation for Information Systems
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a11j0001.pdf>
- Financial Statement Audits for the Department—FY 2010 and FY 2009
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/2010report/3-financial-details.pdf>
- Financial Statement Audits for Federal Student Aid—FY 2010 and FY 2009
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/reports/annual/2010report/fsa-report.pdf>
- Financial Statement Audits—Special Purposes—FY 2009 and FY 2008
<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a17j0003.pdf>
- Untimely Resolution of Issues Impacting Performance Validation and Payment Calculations Under the EDUCATE Contract
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/l19k0001.pdf>

- **OIG's Independent Report on the Department's Performance Summary Report for Fiscal Year 2009 in Support of the National Drug Control Strategy**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/b19k0003a.pdf>
- **OIG's Independent Report on the Department's Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2009 Drug Control Funds**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/b19k0003.pdf>
- **Desktop Services Pricing Under the EDUCATE Contract**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/l19k0004.pdf>
- **Controls Over the Department's Transit Benefits Program**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/auditreports/fy2010/a19i0001.pdf>
- **OIG Semiannual Report to Congress, No. 60, October 1, 2009–March 31, 2010**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/semiann/sar60.pdf>
- **OIG Semiannual Report to Congress, No. 61, April 1, 2010–September 30, 2010**
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/semiann/sar61.pdf>

Relevant Government Accountability Office Reports

Federal Student Aid: Highlights of a Study Group on Simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-29>.

Recovery Act: Planned Efforts and Challenges in Evaluating Compliance with Maintenance of Effort and Similar Provisions

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-247>.

Grant Monitoring: Department of Education Could Improve Its Processes with Greater Focus on Assessing Risks, Acquiring Financial Skills, and Sharing Information

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-57>.

Student Achievement: Schools Use Multiple Strategies to Help Students Meet Academic Standards, Especially Schools with Higher Proportions of Low-Income and Minority Students

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-18>.

Recovery Act: Recipient Reported Jobs Data Provide Insight into Use of *Recovery Act* Funding, but Data Quality and Reporting Issues Need Attention

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-223>.

School Facilities: Physical Conditions in School Districts Receiving Impact Aid for Students Residing on Indian Lands

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-32>.

Proprietary Schools: Improved Department of Education Oversight Needed to Help Ensure Only Eligible Students Receive Federal Student Aid

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-127T>.

Recovery Act: One Year Later, States' and Localities' Uses of Funds and Opportunities to Strengthen Accountability

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-437>.

Recovery Act: States' and Localities' Uses of Funds and Actions Needed to Address Implementation Challenges and Bolster Accountability

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-604>.

Federal Education Funding: Overview of K–12 and Early Childhood Education Programs

<http://www.gao.gov/docdblite/details.php?rptno=GAO-10-51>.

Foreign Medical Schools: Education Should Improve Monitoring of Schools That Participate in the Federal Student Loan Program

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10412.pdf>.

State and Local Governments' Fiscal Outlook: March 2010 Update

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-10-358>.

Recovery Act: States Could Provide More Information on Education Programs to Enhance the Public's Understanding of Fund Use

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10807.pdf>.

Higher Education: Institutions' Reported Data Collection Burden Is Higher Than Estimated but Can Be Reduced Through Increased Coordination

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10871.pdf>.

For-Profit Colleges: Undercover Testing Finds Colleges Encouraged Fraud and Engaged in Deceptive and Questionable Marketing Practices

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-948T>.

Department of Education: Improved Dissemination and Timely Product Release Would Enhance the Usefulness of the What Works Clearinghouse

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10644.pdf>.

Federal Student Loan Programs: Opportunities Exist to Improve Audit Requirements and Oversight Procedures

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10668.pdf>.

Recovery Act: Increasing the Public's Understanding of What Funds Are Being Spent on and What Outcomes Are Expected

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10581.pdf>.

Postsecondary Education: Many States Collect Graduates' Employment Information, but Clearer Guidance on Student Privacy Requirements Is Needed

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10927.pdf>.

Student Loans: Federal Web-based Tool on Private Loans Would Pose Implementation Challenges and May Be Unnecessary

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10990.pdf>.