



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT
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Dear Mr. Carroll:

This letter responds to your "Request for Correction to Instructions for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid" dated June 24, 2015. Your request was forward to Federal Student Aid for a response.

The Department of Education (Department) is committed to ensuring that the information it disseminates and uses for policymaking purposes is useful, objective, secure, and, when required, reproducible. In 2002, in response to the Information Quality Act (IQA), the Department adopted its Information Quality Guidelines (IQG) to describe the Department's policies and procedures for reviewing and verifying the quality of information disseminated to the public. The IQG were developed in conformance with the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) published guidelines and were approved by OMB.

The IQG places the burden of proof in seeking a correction of information on the requesting party. In addition, the IQG requires:

- A detailed description of the information that the requester believes does not comply with the Department's or OMB's guidelines, including the exact name of the data collection or report, the disseminating office and author, if known, and a description of the specific item in question;
- Potential impacts on the requester from the information identified for correction (i.e., describe the requester's interest in the information and how the requester is affected by the information in question); and
- An explanation of the reason(s) that the information should be corrected (i.e., describe clearly and specifically the elements of the information quality guidelines that were not followed).

The IQG limits our substantive response to issues covered by the IQA. Based on our review of the FAFSA form, the data quality issues raised were valid and required changes to the form and all associated websites. The 2016-2017 FAFSA is out for public comment under the Paperwork Reduction Act for 60 days. Relative changes will be put in place before the FAFSA goes out for an additional 30 days of public comment.

The proposed change to the paper FAFSA would be:

If you filed a foreign return, convert all monetary units to U.S. dollars, using the **published** exchange rate **that is in effect for the date nearest to today's date**. To view the daily exchange rates, go to <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h10/current/>.

Appeal

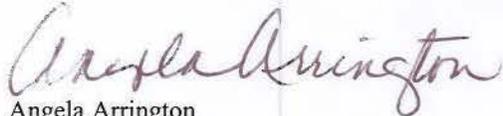
If you are not satisfied with this response, you may file an appeal within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of this response. The Department intends to respond to the issues raised as comments on the proposed information collection request during its public comment period. If you choose to submit an appeal, you must include a copy of the initial request, a copy of this decision, and a letter explaining why you believe the Department's decision was inadequate, incomplete, or in error. The appeal may be sent to:

Chief Privacy Officer
Office of Management
U.S. Department of Education
RE: Information Quality Request
Room 2E315, LBJ
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

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Alternatively, you may e-mail an appeal to the following address: OMInformationQualityRequests@ed.gov. If sending by e-mail, please indicate that you are submitting an Information Quality Appeal in the subject line of the e-mail and include all information specified for an appeal submitted by regular mail.

Thank you for your interest in the Department's information quality. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-260-8915 or via email at angela.arrington@ed.gov.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Angela Arrington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Arrington
Deputy Director
Office of the Chief Privacy Officer