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TO: Financial Aid Administrators

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SUBJECT: **2024-25 CADAA Technical Documents - Updates**

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) communicates updates to the technical documents for the 2024-25 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) derived from the new option provided to FAFSA-eligible students from Mixed Status Families (MSF) as announced in GSA 2024-23.

Change logs for the Cal ISIR and CADAA Comment Codes/Rejects are attached as a quick reference of all updates to date.

2024-25 Cal-ISIR Updates

- 2024-25 Cal ISIRs are anticipated to be released to campuses starting Monday, April 15, 2024.

- The following 3 Cal ISIR file options will be available for download due to the Cal ISIR field length being expanded by 1 byte for a total field length of 7724 bytes. The Commission has developed these 3 Cal ISIR files to give schools the flexibility to choose whichever Cal ISIR file(s) are compatible with the coding they have done thus far.

  - *California Dream Act ISIRs – All*: Contains traditional CADAA filers and MSF filers in one file with a total field length of **7724 bytes**. This file includes the "California ISIR Indicator" mentioned in the chart below for field #596.

  - *California Dream Act ISIRs - CADAA*: Contains traditional CADAA filers only with a total field length of **7723 bytes.**

  - *California Dream Act ISIRs - FAFSA MSF*: Contains FAFSA MSF filers only with a total field length of **7723 bytes.**

- A slight change was made to the Cal ISIR dated April 4, 2024, to field #30. Specifically, field #30 was renamed *Dream Act ID/Social Security Number* and valid content expanded to allow Social Security Numbers (SSN) from MSF applicants. The expansion of this field will allow future CADAA to FAFSA conversions to be more streamlined and manageable.

- The following fields can be used to identify FAFSA-eligible students that completed a CADAA as part of the expansion for MSF applicants:

Mixed Status Family Indicators – Cal ISIR	
Field	**Notes**
#30 Dream Act ID/SSN	SSN will be used in place of a Dream Act ID for FAFSA eligible students and is collected at account registration when going through the MSF path.
	SSN is not prompted for traditional CADAA students and Dream Act IDs will continue to be generated.
#63 Student Citizenship Status	FAFSA eligible students will have a value of "1" (U.S Citizen) or "2" (Eligible Non-Citizen)
#587 – Interested in DSIG	Question will be hidden when citizenship status = "1" (U.S Citizen) or "2" (Eligible Non-Citizen)
#588 to #593 – AB 540	Questions will be hidden when citizenship status = "1" (U.S Citizen) or "2" (Eligible Non-Citizen)
#596 – California ISIR Indicator	FAFSA eligible students will have a value of "2" (Mixed Status).

2024-25 CADAA Comment and Reject Codes

- An updated version of the comment and reject codes has been posted on the [Commission's website](#). The version dated April 9, 2024, replaces the version dated December 28, 2023.

- Among other updates, the following comment codes were added as part of the CADAA expansion for MSF applicants:

Mixed Status Family Indicators – Comment and Reject Codes	
Comment Code	**Notes**
#918	Displayed when citizenship status = "1" (U.S Citizen). No reject, SAI is calculated.
#919	Displayed when citizenship status = "2" (Eligible Non-Citizen). No reject, SAI is calculated.
#920	Displayed when responses to CADAA pre-filtering questions do not align with the student's response to the citizenship status question. Reject code "Y," SAI not calculated.

Returning FAFSA filers from Mixed Status Families

The Commission is working on a system solution to make the 2024-25 CADAA available to returning FAFSA filers from mixed status families that are facing challenges in successfully completing the 2024-25 FAFSA. The Commission will provide an update on future communications.

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Enclosures: Change logs for the Cal ISIR and CADAA Comment Codes/Rejects

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