## **Federal Loan Repayment Plans**

PLAN	TERM	PAYMENTS	PROS	CONS
Standard	10 years	-120 Fixed monthly payments of at least \$50	-Quickest way to repay loans -You will pay less interest on your loan over time	-Does not consider income or family size to calculate monthly payment
Graduated	10 years	-Monthly payments start low and increase every two years	-Provides opportunity for monthly payments to increase as income rises -Allows flexibility in changing payment amounts	-You will pay more for your loan over time -Monthly payments steadily increase every 2 years
Extended For borrowers with over \$30,000 in debt	25 years	-Reduced monthly payments that are spread over a greater period -Payments may be fixed or graduated	-Monthly payments will be generally be lower than the standard and graduated plans -Easy to request plan via phone, email, or online account access	-Takes longer to pay back -You will pay more for your loan over time -Does not consider income or family size to calculate the monthly payment
Income-Based (IBR) Must have partial financial hardship to qualify, determined by Federal Student Aid	20 or 25 years	-Payments change as your income changes -Maximum payment will be 15% of your discretionary income* -IBRinfo.org for calculator to see if you qualify	-Lower monthly payments that are adjusted annually -Payments are based on income and family size -Offers an interest benefit if the monthly payment doesn't cover the full amount of interest that accrues each month -Payments eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness -Provides loan forgiveness of remaining balance after loan term	-You will pay more for your loan over time -Monthly payments may be less than accrued interest -Unpaid interest capitalized if you leave the plan -Annual application required -May be required to pay taxes on the amount forgiven
Pay As You Earn Must have partial financial hardship to qualify, determined by Federal Student Aid	20 years	-Payments change as your income changes - Payments are generally 10% of discretionary income*	-Lower monthly payments that are adjusted annually -Payments are based on income and family size -Offers an interest benefit if the monthly payment doesn't cover the full amount of interest that accrues each month -Payments eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness -Provides loan forgiveness of remaining balance after 20 years	-You will pay more for your loan over time  -Monthly payments may be less than accrued interest  -Unpaid interest capitalized if you leave the plan  -Annual application required  -May be required to pay taxes on the amount forgiven
Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)	25 years	-Payments change as your income changes	-More affordable monthly payments that are adjusted annually based on income and family size	- Depending on income and family size, the monthly payment may be higher than the Standard Plan  -You may pay more for your loan over time

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For those who do not qualify for IBR or Pay As Your Earn		-Payments are generally 10% of discretionary income*	- Offers an interest benefit if the monthly payment doesn't cover the full amount of interest that accrues each month	-Monthly payments may be less than accrued interest
			-Payments eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness	-Unpaid interest capitalized if you leave the plan
			-Provides loan forgiveness of remaining balance	-Annual application required
			after 25 years	-May be required to pay taxes on the amount forgiven
Income- Contingent (ICR) For those who do not qualify for IBR or Pay As Your Earn	25 years	-Payments change as your income changes -Payments are based on income, family size, and total amount borrowed	-Lower monthly payments that are adjusted annually -Maximum 10% annual interest capitalization when monthly payment doesn't cover all interest -Payments eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness -Provides loan forgiveness of remaining balance after 25 years	-Depending on income and family size, the monthly payment may be higher than the Standard Plan  -You may pay more for your loan over time  -Monthly payments may be less than accrued interest  -Unpaid interest capitalized if you leave the plan  -Annual application required
				-May be required to pay taxes on the amount forgiven

<sup>\*</sup>Discretionary Income is your adjusted gross income minus the poverty guidelines for your family size

For additional detailed information regarding the federal loan repayment plans, please visit  $\underline{www.studentaid.gov}.$ 

Contact your loan servicer to discuss repayment plan options.