

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Frequently Asked Questions

What is PSLF?

• Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) is a program for people who work in public service in federal, state, tribal, or local government, or for a non-profit organization. The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on Direct Loans after they have made 120 qualifying payments.

Who is eligible to apply?

- Individuals employed by a U.S. Federal, State, local, or tribal government of qualifying not-for-profit organization (Federal service includes U.S. military service);
- Full-time employment, working for a qualifying employer for a weekly average, alone or when combined, must equal at least 30 hours;
- Have Direct Loans (or consolidate other federal student loans into a Direct Loan);
- Repay your loans under an income-driven repayment plan or a 10-year Standard Repayment Plan; and
- Make a total of 120 qualifying monthly payments that need not be consecutive.

What is the deadline to apply?

• To help you track your progress toward qualifying for PSLF, we recommend applicants to submit the PSLF form annually or when you change employers.

How to apply?

- 1. Go to Student Aid.Gov <u>PSLF Form</u> to download the PSFL Application
- 2. Once you have downloaded or otherwise obtained the PSFL Application, you must complete
 - Section 1: Borrower Information
 - Section 2: Borrower Authorization, Understandings, and Certification
 - Submitting applications with incomplete Section 1 and Section 2 may delay the process.
 - You will need the Research Foundation's EIN (13-1988190)
- 3. Submit your PSLF form to RFCUNY Human Resources through the HR Digital Mailbox. For your own security and privacy, please do not email any documents with your personal identifiable information.
 - Use the HR Digital Mailbox Dropbox
 <u>https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/electronic-tools/digital-mailbox-human-resources/</u>
 - No log in is necessary and your form will only be accessed by an authorized HR personnel.
- 4. Once your form is received, the designated RFCUNY HR personnel will complete Section 3: Employer Information and Section 4: Employer Certification.
- 5. PSLF Forms with employer's certification will be returned to the applicant via secure DropBox link.
- 6. The applicant must submit the completed form to the appropriate entities within the aforementioned deadline.

RFCUNY will not submit applications to governing entities on behalf of the applicant.

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

Domestic: 855-265-4038 International: 636-532-0600 TTY: dial 711, then Enter 855-265-4038 **Website:** <u>www.mohela.com</u>

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