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# 03/03/2023

Knowing is Half the Battle!

# **Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!**

• PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL WITH ENTERING YOUR FILE PATHS WHEN OUTBOUNDING/ INBOUNDING COD FILES? When working in Inbound or Outbound pages, and anywhere a file path and file name is required for outbounding or inbounding, please copy the file path from the Upload/Download page and ensure it is for the intended the specific business process step. The file path is case-sensitive and needs to be exact for it to work. If there are hand-keyed typos or errors in the file path, the process stops for ALL 33 colleges in the CTC System. That means no college FA Office will be able to inbound or outbound until the college that keyed in the error works with state board to resolve the issue. ::no pressure!!::

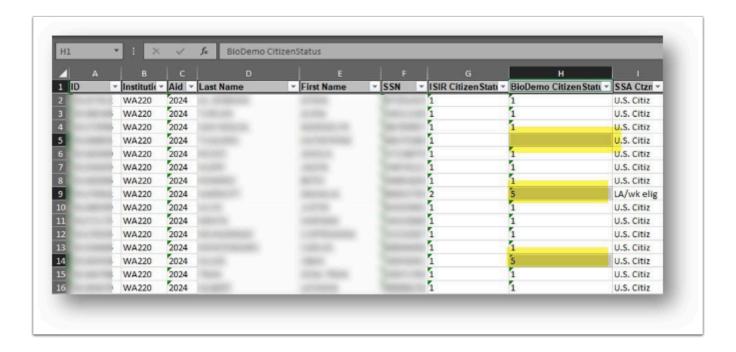
Additionally, if the process fails (check your Process Monitor), **STOP** (Hammer Time!), then submit a ticket to State Board Help Desk so we can help you get the process working again. Do not run it again until State Board resolves it.



#### **Query Corner!**

• Tips to help you get ahead of checklist completion on 2024 AY students: You can run this query QCS\_FA\_SCC\_ISIRVSBIODEMOCIT - Compare Citizen ISIRvsBioDemo to help you find checklists that you may be able to complete pre-emptively based on what the FAFSA and SSA is clearing the student for citizenship. Run the query in Query Viewer (this early in the aid year), and you can sort and filter and find row difference between the citizenship in the ISIR vs. citizenship in the Add/Update a Person page in ctcLink. If the FAFSA is clearing that student's citizenship status through the SSA check, but the citizenship is different in Add/Update a Person, you can reach out to your records friends to ask them to update the citizenship based on what cleared SSA in the 2023-2024 ISIR. Then, you can resolve the checklist, thereby reducing the number of times a student must come to your office to resolve something they may have already resolved in the prior AY.





#### **More Query Corner!**

#### More query need-to-knows!

- Fields added to QCS\_FA\_REPEAT\_CRSES query: To address item number 15 from the FAST Maintenance List for SAP-related issues, we have migrated updates to the QCS\_FA\_REPEAT\_CRSES query to Production to display the following additional data sets. The addition of these fields should eliminate the need to do double work and compare this query against the QCS\_SR\_ENRL\_MIN\_VARIABLE to differentiate between repeat courses and variable credit courses.
  - Variable Credit Indicator on Class (Units Taken, Min Units, Max Units)
  - Repeat Grading Basis flag (e.g. RPEX, etc) display if value exists, but do not filter to only those with this value.
- Short description changed for QCS\_FA\_EXPTD\_GRAD\_HAD\_AID query: To address item number 16 from the FAST Maintenance List for SAP-related issues, we have migrated to Production an update to the QCS\_FA\_EXPTD\_GRAD\_HAD\_AID query. The short description was changed for this query to better define its purpose, and to help colleges differentiate it from the QCS\_FA\_EXPTD\_GRAD\_WITH\_AID query.
  - Previous Short Description: "Exptd Grd Stdnt by Term"
  - New Short Description: "StuW/FA TrmActvtn + ExptdGrdDt"

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

#### FA Training Sessions

The next FA Training is scheduled for Tuesday, 03/07/23, and will be on an ISIR
Processing Refresher. This training is geared to those needing a refresher on the
Combined and Single File Process for ISIR Processing. All trainings happening in 2023
have been sent out to the ctclinkfinaidsupport list serv, with a calendar invite that
includes Webex log in info.

#### FA Work Sessions

• The next FA Work session is scheduled for **Thursday**, **03/23/23**. The session topic is 3Cs for You and Me, with presenter, Debbie Englehardt! Debbie will present the 3Cs info at an advanced level to help you better understand what's going on under the hood with your 3Cs. Don't miss it!

In Case You Missed It:

#### From NASFAA:

# NASFAA UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AskRegs Knowledgebase Answers: Should We Include

PLUS Loan Fees In the Cost Of Attendance?

Yes. The school is required to include both graduate and parent PLUS fees in the student's cost of attendance (COA)-that is, it is not optional. The wording in Section 472(a)(13)

that is, it is not optional. The wording in Section 472(a)(13) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, [20 USC 1087LL] is as follows: "SEC. 472. [20 U.S.C. 1087LL] COST OF ATTENDANCE. (13) for a student who receives a Federal student loan made under this subchapter or any other Federal law, to cover a student's cost of attendance at the institution, an allowance for the actual cost of any loan fee, origination fee, or insurance premium charged to such student or the parent of such student on such loan, or the average cost of any such fee or premium, as applicable;"

# **NEWS FROM NASFAA**

Poll the Pros: FAFSA Housing Question Changes

FAFSA changes for 2024-25 include eliminating the question that asks students whether they will live on campus, off campus, or with parents. Some NASFAA member schools have indicated they use the response to this question to construct cost of attendance (COA) and for other financial aid purposes. NASFAA wants to know if and how schools are planning to collect students' housing choices for creating COAs or for other purposes once the housing plans question is no longer on the FAFSA. Take our quick poll by next Thursday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m. ET

**Note**, you must be a NASFAA member to take the above NASFAA poll. Link to the <u>Housing</u> <u>Question Poll</u>.

#### **Training Team Updates:**

**Reminder!** On **Monday 04/17/2023**, the Training Team will offer a cross-pillar training on the end-to-end process of how funds move from FA to SF to FIN-GL. A calendar invite with Webex information is forthcoming in the coming weeks as content and objectives are developed. Also, as we are developing content, please feel free to email <a href="mailto:kforsberg@sbctc.edu">kforsberg@sbctc.edu</a> your specific struggles in reconciliation that you would like to see covered in the session.

## **Environment Updates:**

#### Reminders!

• The PRD Environment is having scheduled maintenance for OAAP (Admissions):

**Date** - Saturday, March 11, 2023, 7:00 am 8:00 am

**Issue** - SBCTC will be performing maintenance on the admissions application (OAAP).

- The Campus Solutions pillar will be unavailable during the maintenance period.
- Admissions (OAAP) and HighPoint HCX mobile pages will be unavailable during the maintenance period.
- Integration between CampusCE and ctcLink will be unavailable during the maintenance period.
- The Portal, HCM, and Finance pillars will remain online during the maintenance period.
- Canvas will not be impacted.

#### Just for Fun!?

**This Day in History. March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1934 -** The notorious gangster John Dillinger used a wooden pistol to break out of prison. Dillinger broke free with another prisoner, Herbert Youngblood. The duo took off to Chicago in a Sheriff's car.

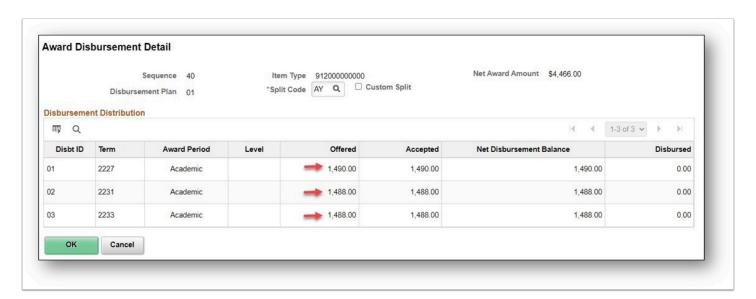
https://www.thevintagenews.com/2018/12/19/dillingers-wooden-gun/?chrome=1

# 02/10/2023

# Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### **Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!**

• Is WCG/CBS Awarding giving you rounding headaches?? When you are awarding, do your awards split unevenly and you end up having to correct them with Custom Split? For example, the award distributes to Fall \$1490, Winter \$1488, and Spring \$1488? Like so:



There's a fix in the set up for that uneven split! From the <u>WCG and CBS Processing Guide</u>, on or around page 10:

Some WCG/CBS annual award are not divisible by two or three. The WCG/CBS manual suggests that if annual awards do not divide evenly, colleges may round up/down by \$1 or \$2, so long as this does not result in more than a two-dollar difference over a three quarter year. Once annual award amounts are updated in set up, follow the steps listed in Recalculating Eligibility to update WCG pages and identify students who have been updated.

So, this means, to get your awards to round evenly, without having to Custom Split the award, you have the discretion to increase or decrease the award set up by \$1 or \$2 to get your awards to split evenly when auto-packaging:

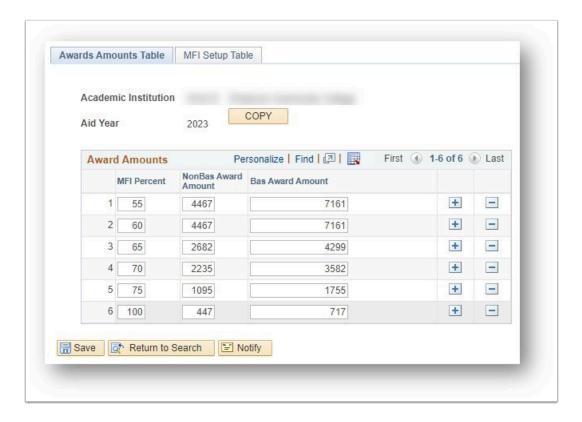
# From the WCG Set Up page, (Set Up SACR > Product Related > Financial Aid > CTC Custom > CTC Interfaces > WA College Grant > WCG Set Up):

Increase the total award amount by \$1 or \$2 up or down, if it meets the above criteria in the red box, from the WCG and CBS Business Processing Guide. For example, the

First MFI range in the table will split unevenly, when divided by 3: \$4466 / 3 = \$1488.666666. If you increase the total award set up amount by \$1, the award splits evenly: \$4467 / 3 = \$1489

Continue to adjust all other award amounts in the WCG and CBS Set Up table, up or down by \$1 or \$2, so the award splits evenly when awarding. This adjustment is permitted, per the WSAC WCG and CBS Program Manual, pg. 30

#### Example only:



To fully test this adjustment out, please work in PCD. You may also file a ticket with ctcLink FA Support for assistance on getting these tables updated.

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#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

#### **Aid Year Rollover Sessions**

O FA Support is in the process of rolling your Aid Year over to the upcoming 2023-2024 Aid Year. We will be wrapping up with all colleges' AYROs by the end of the month in February.

#### FA Training Sessions

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#### FA Work Sessions

• The next FA Work session is scheduled for **Thursday**, **02/23/23**. The session topic is ISIR Suspense Management Best Practices, with guest presenters, Spokane Falls Community College's very own, Ashley Clark, Rena Tinnell, and Maddie Leutwyler. They will be presenting the goods on how they manage their ISIR suspense and what works for their unique institution. Kelly Forsberg will also review general Best Practices as recommended from State Board. Don't miss it!

#### In Case You Missed It:

#### From NASFAA:

# NASFAA UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AskRegs Knowledgebase Answers: When Will the 2024-

25 FAFSA Go Live?

It is NASFAA's understanding that the 2024-25 FAFSA will go live sometime between October 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023, but the FAFSA Simplification Act within the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, does not require it to go live before January 1, 2024. There is also no indication of when a draft FAFSA will be available.

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#### **Environment Updates:**

#### **Reminders!**

 PCD Environment Refresh on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any data you are testing in the PCD environment, you still have time to build and test before the next refresh.

#### Just for Fun!?

**This Day in History**. Black History Today states, "On February 10, 1964, the United States House of Representatives passed The Civil Rights Act of 1964 after 70 days of debate. The Act made discrimination illegal on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex in public accommodations, employment, and programs that are federally funded. A substitute bill of this major piece of civil rights legislation was finally approved on June 19, 1964 by the United States Senate after a 50 day filibuster organized by senators from the south. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Act into law on July 2, 1964. Being a law and being an enforced law are two different things, it still took years for many areas of the country to abide by The Civil Rights Act of 1964."

February 10 | (blackhistory.today)

# 01/06/2023



Multiple Item Type Spreadsheet Template.xlsx

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

# Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!

- No Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in Tickets Just a friendly reminder to not list SSNs or other PII in ticket details. When tickets are received here at State Board, emails are generated to SBCTC and to the college. If PII like social security numbers are in the ticket notes, they show up in the emails. If you need to submit SSN detail, you may do so in screen shots; a Solar Winds User will have to log in and authenticate into the system to review the data. Signing into Solar Winds protects client information. You may use directory information in your ticket notes.
- **Requesting New Item Types in Tickets** When requesting a new Item Type, please use one Item Type Request form. If you have multiple Item Types you are requesting, you can attach a spreadsheet to your ticket detail that outlines your Item Type request. You may use the Multiple Item Type Form Template attached in this email. Less Item Types forms to fill out/sign is a win for you, a win for us!
  - Additionally, when opening a ticket to request a new item type, please use the following request type so the ticket gets routed to the proper team:

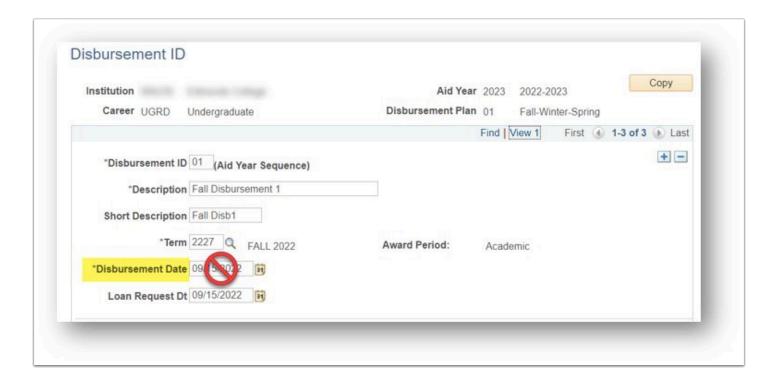
#### ctcLink Support > Campus Solution > SF FA > Item Types

• Changing Disbursement Dates in Your Disbursement ID Table Please do not change your Disbursement Dates in your Disbursement ID Tables. Doing so causes problems when you go to undisburse awards with the original disbursement date. Changing the

disbursement after awarding begins, it will prevent aid from disbursing if the disbursement has the old disbursement date.

• For example, if a student had a disbursement date of 09/15/2022 on disbursement plan 50, when initially awarded, and then someone went into the Disbursement ID Table and updated the Fall Disbursement Date to 10/15/2022, it will cause a problem in disbursing.

Nav: Set Up SACR > Product Related > Financial Aid > Awards > Disbursement ID Table



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# Training Sessions

• 2023 Training sessions and dates are being finalized. Stay tuned to the ctclinkfasupport list serv for calendar invites as to when the sessions will be added. You can also check the <a href="SBCTC Calendar">SBCTC Calendar</a> for updates.

#### **Training Team Updates:**

**New!** Following up from our Cross-Pillar Training Session on 11/29 for Veterans' Benefit processing, we are pleased to announce a new resource document on the ctcLink Reference Center called the <u>Veterans' Education Benefit Resource Guide</u>. Thank you to SBCTC's Douglas Zeno, Bellevue College's FA Director Melanie Ruiz, North Seattle College's Dean Brianne Sanchez, and Bellevue College's SCO Josh Kienlen who all collaborated on the development and review of this resource document.

#### **Environment Updates:**

#### Reminders!

- PCD Environment Refresh on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any data you are testing in the PCD environment, remember that it will be lost in the refresh.
- There is an image overview document (IOVD) from the PUM 27 update on 12/17. You can review the IOVD document here: <a href="https://www.sbctc.edu/resources/documents/colleges-staff/it-support/erp/ctclink-accessibility/ctclink-cs-image-27-overview-2022-12.pdf">https://www.sbctc.edu/resources/documents/colleges-staff/it-support/erp/ctclink-accessibility/ctclink-cs-image-27-overview-2022-12.pdf</a>

#### Just for Fun!?

**This Day in History**. Samuel Morse unveils the telegraph, revolutionizing communication. On January 6, 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. We've come a long way, haven't we?

# 12/09/2023

### Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### **Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!**

• Funds Not Yet Recorded in the System - Are you still working through this pesky error messages in your Auth Failure Report? Remember, that if you are getting this error message, you likely need to load your crecmyop and crpn files. This message can also appear on direct loans that have not been originated.

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#### Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):

O SAP Processing Refresher (Winter SAP/Fall Grades) 12/20/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

O Follow Up Q & A SAP Processing Refresher 12/22/22 9:00AM 11:00 AM

#### From NASFAA:

# NASFAA UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AskRegs Knowledgebase Answers: Will Schools Be Required To Report Federal Work-Study Earnings To COD?

Yes. Before October 1, 2023 and beginning with the 2024-25 award year, schools will be required to report to the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System cumulative calendar year Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program earnings on an individual student basis.

#### FSA Identifies FAFSA Renewal Issue

Federal Student Aid (FSA) has acknowledged an issue causing an error message for some applicants who are trying to access their 2023-24 FAFSA renewal form. In recent weeks, applicants have reported instances in which they have received an error message when trying to access their renewal form informing them that the renewal form is not available. FSA expects the issue to be resolved by Dec. 29, 2022, and urges applicants who receive this message to complete a new 2023-24 FAFSA from the beginning.

#### **Environment Updates:**

**Reminder!** Planned Service Outage for CS PRD on Saturday, December 17, 2022 7:00 am - 1:00 pm - CS Image 27 & HCX Update

#### Just for Fun!?

**Geminid MeteorShower**. Look skyward on the nightof December 13 after 9P.M.for a chance to catch a glimpse of the **Geminid meteors**. The Geminidmeteor shower is the most active shower of theyear. This year, the peak of the meteor shower meets a waning gibbous Moon, meaning that the sky will still be affected somewhat by the light of the Moon. If the sky is clear and temperatures aren't too chilly, it's still worth venturing outside to try to see the Geminids. Check out the <u>GeminidMeteor Shower</u> page for more info.

(Source: The Month of December 2022: Holidays, Fun Facts, Folklore & More | The Old Farmer's Almanac)

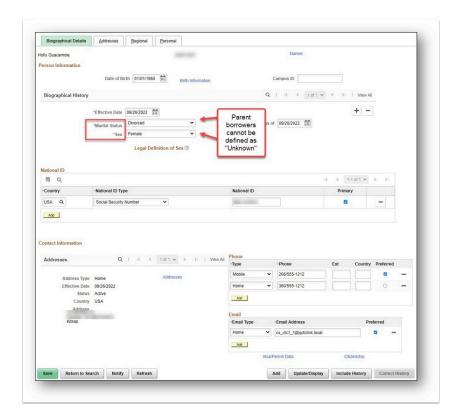
# 11/04/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### **Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!**

- **PLUS LOANS** Can't link a parent borrower to the student? Getting a 'reciprocal error' message? Argh-- parent relationship issues ensue! You might be missing essential steps in the *Add/Update a Person* page when building the parent record.
  - In the Add/Update a Person page in Campus Community, the parent borrower's Marital Status and Sex cannot be defined as "Unknown".
  - *Tip!* You can deduce what the parent borrower's marital status is by checking the Correct 20xx-20xx ISIR Records pageis the parent borrower a Parent 1 or Parent 2 on the FAFSA? If yes, check the Marital Status there, and define.

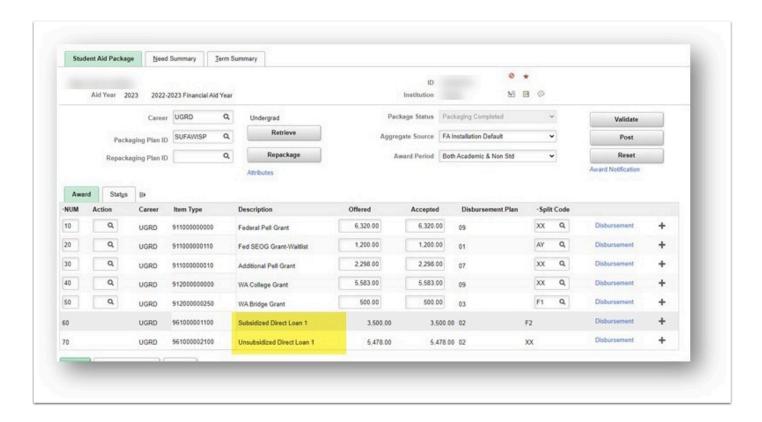
# Campus Community > Personal Information > Add/Update a Person



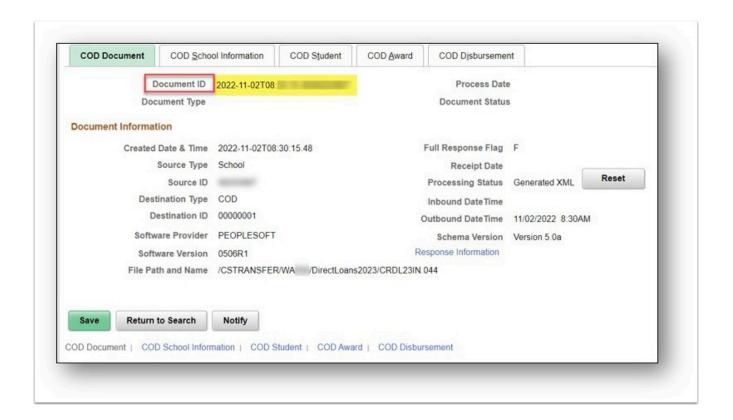
- **SUPPRESSED LOANS** Can't edit a Direct Loan award? Does the loan look suppressed like it does in the image below, and you can't edit amounts or actions? The reason? You have a loan in transmission status to COD, and it may be awaiting a response file load to ctcLink!
  - In the View COD Data page, search by the EMPL ID, and find the COD Document ID for your student. Then run the query QCS\_FA\_MISSING\_COD\_RESPONSE and look for the Document ID there is the Document ID listed in the query results? If yes, you have

- missed uploading or processing a COD response file into ctcLink. Find that file and load it into ctcLink
- *Tip!* Run the query QCS\_FA\_MISSING\_COD\_RESPONSE weekly to ensure you are not missing any file loads.

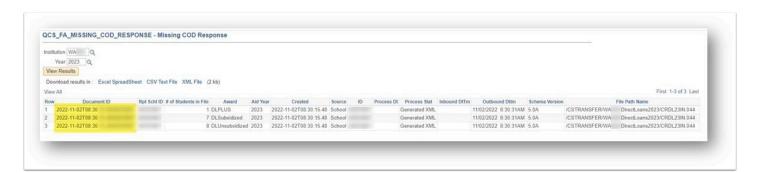
Financial Aid > Awards > Award Processing > Assign Awards to a Student Award is suppressed:



Financial Aid > File Management > Full COD Participant > View COD Data - View COD Data page with Document ID:



Reporting Tools > Query > Query Viewer - QCS\_FA\_MISSING\_COD\_RESPONSE Query results showing Document ID that is missing from being loaded:



#### **Query Corner!**

o R2T4 - ARE YOU RUNNING THE LDA (Last Date of Attendance for R2T4) QUERY AND NOT GETTING RESULTS? When running the query CTC\_FA\_LDA\_BY\_STUDENT and no results pop up

§ Grades may not have yet been entered into the Grade Roster for the specified term. The college instructors may be putting grades in later on, so sometimes you do have to flag down your instructors to find last date of attendance for R2T4 purposes. To make this query work in your favor, please define your business process with your instructional department, and records teams to get an ideal time in which to enter grades for students who have vanished or withdrawn.

#### **Training Team Stuff!**

- UPDATED Business Processing Guides:
  - WCG Interim Reporting BPG WCG Interim Reporting Business Process Guide | 9.2 FA Financial Aid Business Process Guides | ctcLink Reference Center
- UPDATED QRGs:
  - Awarding a PLUS Loan (Under Construction)
  - Added Image 26 Bug 34705206 Information to:
    - Making ISIR Corrections
    - · Making Corrections on an Alien Registration Number
    - Creating a Prorated EFC
    - Manually Loading ISIRs
    - Processing Dependency Overrride/Homeless Youth Determination ISIRs in ctcLink

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#### Fin Aid Work Session (FA Support):

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#### **Environment Updates:**

**Reminder!** The next **PCD** refresh will take place on Monday, **November 7**. That means you are running out of time for any testing you want to do in PCD. Remember that any processes you have built or students you have staged, will be wiped in the refresh, and replaced with the most recent data in the PRD environment.

**Reminder!** This notice is for all users of the ctcLink production environment. **PRD** will be undergoing maintenance on Saturday, **November 12** from 7AM - 7:30 AM. SBCTC will be installing critical Oracle patches during this maintenance window:

- The entire ctcLink production environment will remain offline during the maintenance window.
- Users logging into ctcLink will be directed to an offline notice.
- Canvas will not be impacted but users will need to access Canvas directly rather than through ctcLink.

Just For Fun! ? Did you Know?

• Spooky season may be over, but I'm not letting it pass without sharing this spooky tale about the islands of haunted dolls!Read on to be rendered weirded out!

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, within the city limits of one of the world's biggest metropolises, Mexico City, lies one of the last remnants of the Aztecs.

Xochimilco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a vast network of canals and tiny artificial islands called chinampas, where locals live and grow crops.

One such chinampa, deep in the heart of Xochimilco, houses a few small huts, outnumbered by thousands of mutilated, decaying dolls.

The aptly named Island of the Dolls, or La Isla de las Muñecas, is home to the world'slargest collection of haunted dolls.

The haunting story of the man who built the Island of Dolls | Guinness World Records

# 10/28/2022

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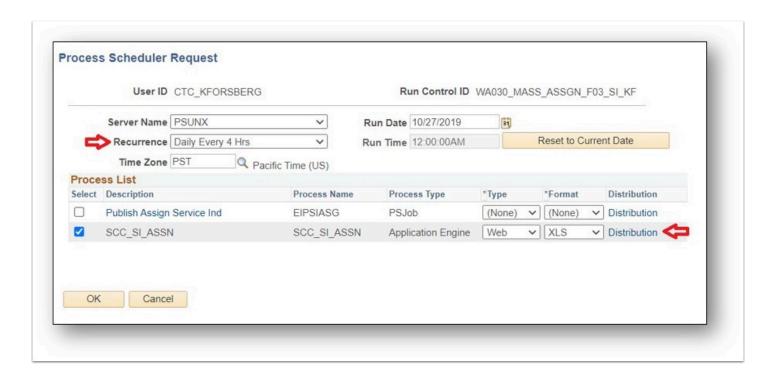
• **WHOOPS!** Have you noticed that Run Control IDs can carry from one Search Criteria page to another Search Criteria page when you are first running a process? Take care not to let a Run Control ID for the previous step become your new (and same) Run Control ID for a different step in a process. Work carefully in how you move through ctcLink; as you may be creating duplicate Run Control IDs for the same process. Remember that Run Control IDs are like tattoos, once they're created, they cannot be removed.

#### NO RAGRETS?

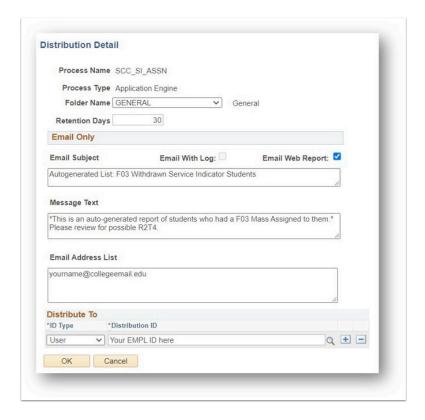
#### · DID YOU KNOW?

 You can set recurrences on specific processes. For example, if you would like to queue up your Mass Assign F03 process to assign on students who drop classes, and not have you manually run it every day, and you want this to be done on a recurrence, you can set this up in your Process Scheduler:

In Process Scheduler, define your recurrence to how often you want it to run, and select your Distribution link to define who you want the report to go to:



Define your Distribution Detail so that the report can go to you and/or your backup:



• **DID YOU KNOW? CONT'D** - You can use User Edit Messages (UEMs) to hold disbursements. UEMs work like Service Indicators. UEMs are specific to Fin Aid Processing and aren't available in any other module. You can use a UEM to hold disbursements on any business process you deem effective. The use of UEMs is optional and is a local process decision.

- Here's a few QRGs if you want to explore using UEMs
  - QRG: https://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92429/l/929131-9-2-create-user-edit-message
  - **BPG:** https://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92427/l/1035811-9-2-track-continued-student-eligibility-for-aid

#### **Query Corner!**

o **ARE YOU HAVING A HEYDAY WITH LOANS?** For example, "Why am I getting weird error messages, or why are my loans not splitting into two disbursements for a single-term loan?" The answer? You might have used a grant Disbursement Plan on your loan.

#### **S CTC FA LOANS WRONG DISB PLAN**

• Run this query to do a sweep to see who has been assigned a grant disbursement plan. Remember that loans should be awarded using disbursement plans that have the 30, 40 or 50 series attached to them, not 08, 09, or 01 (those are grant disbursement plans). Take care to not choose a grant disbursement plan when awarding loans.

#### **Training Team Stuff!**

o UPDATED QRG:

§ **9.2 Assigning a College Financing Plan** 9.2 Assigning a College Financing Plan | 9.2 FA - Student Access | ctcLink Reference Center

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# ?? Bug 34705206! Correct ISIR 20XX-20XX Records Jump to First Record When Going Between Tabs. A bug installed with Image 26 causes the page to switch to a different effective dated row after selecting tabs or the INAS button if the student has more than one ISIR loaded for the aid year. When switching between tabs on the page, it will move to the first (most recent) effective dated row. When selecting the INAS button will move to the last (oldest) effective dated row.

- Impact. An inconvenience. There is no impact to functionality.
- <u>Workaround</u>? Staff can select the correct effective dated row as they move to each tab or after selecting the INAS button
- Status. Fix scheduled for Image 28. Anticipated install into ctcLink Spring 2023.
- Navigation Affected. NavBar > Navigator > Financial Aid > Federal Application Data > Correct 20XX-20XX ISIR records
- Updates to impacted QRGs forthcoming

#### Just For Fun!? ~Trivia~ Dia de los Meurtos Version

- -Dia de los Muertos is different from Halloween. Dia de los Muertos is celebrated after Halloween, on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2
- Dia de los Muertos originated in ancient Mesoamerica (Mexico and Northern Central America) where indigenous groups, Aztec, Maya, and Toltec had specific times when they commemorated their loved ones who had passed away.
- Nov 1 is celebrated to remember children who have departed, and Nov 2 is to honor adults.
- Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of life, an opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of departed ones. The celebrations are filled with music and dancing.
- The *Ofrenda* is a central component of these days; the Ofrenda is a temporary alter for family members to honor their loved ones and provide them what they need for their journeyitems that belonged to them, and objects that serve as a reminder of their lives.
- The ofrenda includes the four elements: water, wind, earth, and fire. Water is left in a pitcher so spirits can quench their thirst. *Papel picado* (paper banners) represent the wind. Earth is represented by food, especially bread. Candles are left so spirits can find their way.
- Flowers, butterflies, and skulls are used as symbols. A *cempasúchil* is a type of Marigold flower often placed on ofrendas and graves. Monarch butterflies hold the spirits of the departed. Monarchs arrive in Mexico for the winter, typically on Nov 1, which coincides with Dia de los Muertos. *Calaveritas de azucar*, or sugar skulls, along with toys, are left on alters for departed children. The often-colorful skulls are used as a whimsical reminder of the cyclicality of life.

Five facts about Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) | Smithsonian Institution (si.edu)

# 10/07/2022

Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!

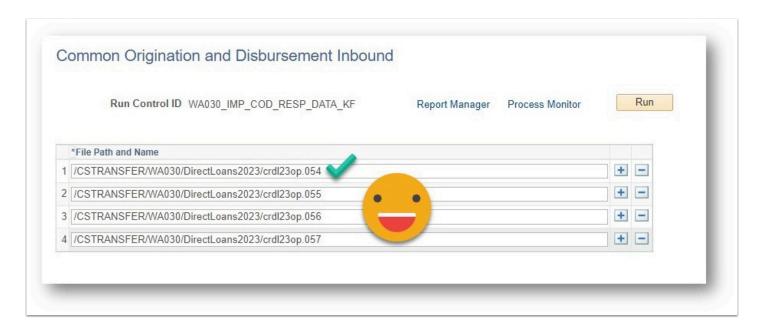
#### o THOU SHALT NOT (Please?)

- THOU SHALT NOT IGNORE THY JOBSETS
- Please monitor your Jobsets each morning. If any parts of your nested JobSets, or JobSets themselves failed, please reach out to <a href="mailto:fasupport@sbctc.edu">fasupport@sbctc.edu</a> immediately so we can help you resolve it.
- PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL WITH ENTERING YOUR FILE PATHS WHEN OUTBOUNDING/ INBOUNDING COD FILES

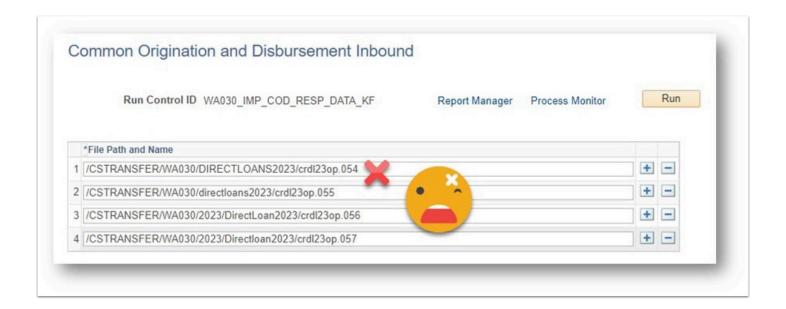
· When working in Inbound or Outbound pages, and anywhere a file path and file name is required for outbounding or inbounding, please copy the file path from the Upload/Download page and ensure it is for the intended the specific business process step. The file path is case-sensitive and needs to be exact for it to work. If there are hand-keyed typos or errors in the file path, the process stops for ALL 34 colleges in the CTC System. That means no college FA Office will be able to inbound or outbound until the college that keyed in the error works with state board to resolve the issue. ::no pressure!!::

The images below display a correct example, and an incorrect example. Can you spot the differences?

#### **Correct:**



#### Incorrect:

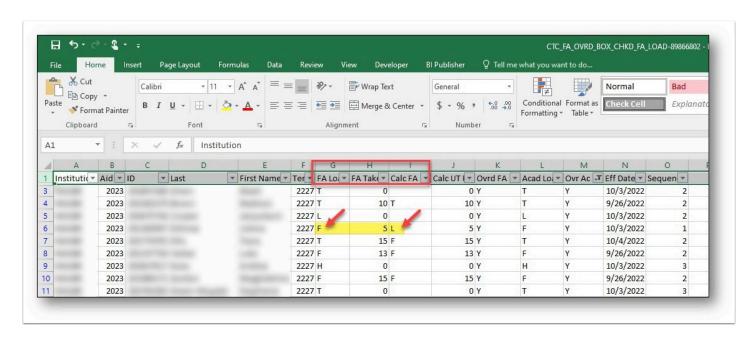


#### **Query Corner!**

o **ARE YOU TRACKING FA LOAD OVERRIDES IN FA TERM?** When you run this query, you can check to see who has an override checkbox checked on FA Term.

#### § CTC\_FA\_OVRD\_BOX\_CHKD\_FA\_LOAD

 Run this query to do a sweep to see who has a FA Load of F, and see if there are load differences. While reviewing, ask yourself, do any updates need to be made, is data still correct in the award page, the FA Term area, and the student's enrollment/FA eligible classes?



#### Training Team Stuff!

o NEW QRG:

# § **9.2 Track Agency Funding** https://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92420/l/1611225-9-2-track-agency-funding-financial-aid

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

#### Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):

- o Work Study Processing 10/11/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
- o Follow Up Q & A for Work Study Processing 10/6/22 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

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 The <u>Campus Solutions Image 26 Overview</u> document includes functional changes for all modules, and an email went out to the list serv on 10/4/2022 which includes the changes to all modules.

#### Here is a summary for **Financial Aid**:

- Move 2019-2020 ISIR Components to Financial Aid History
- Simulate 2022-2023 FM INAS
- Award Activity displays User ID for Batch Authorization Bug Fix
- Packaging Message for Recalculated Term Amounts on Pell Awards Bug Fix

#### Just For Fun! ? Did you know these things have names?

- -The silent letters in words like 'knight' and 'gnat' are called apthongs.
- The person with your name who shows up in your Google search results is called your *Googleganger*
- When every move you can make in the game of chess hurts you, you're in *zugzwang*. Think of it as checkmate, but for a pawn, rook, knight, or bishop.
- *Scroop* is the swooshy sounds ballgowns make, or more generally, the sound produced by the movement of silk.
- Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. Related to pseudodysphagia which is the fear of choking. Can you say arachibutyrophobia with a mouth full of peanut butter?
- A group of donkeys is called a pass.

- A group of wild cats is called a destruction.
- A group of flamingos is called a *flamboyance*.
- A group of hippos is called a bloat.
- A group of seals is called a harem.

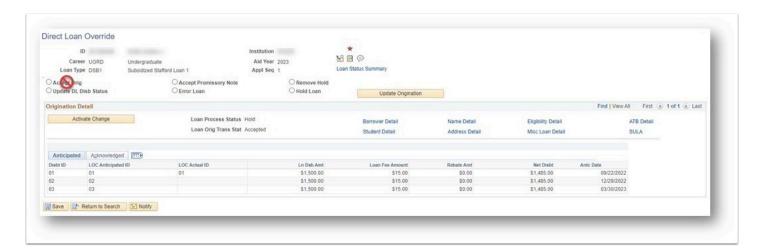
# 09/30/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!

#### o THOU SHALT NOT (Please?)

 DO NOT MANUALLY OVERRIDE LOAN ORIGINATION It has been discovered that there are some occurrences of manually overriding loan origination statuses in the Direct Loan Override page. <u>Please do not do this</u> because manually accepting an origination will not generate again to go out to COD, essentially causing ctcLink and COD to forever be out-ofsync. The loan record will need to be maintained manually in both systems for the rest of the aid year, and this is not the accepted business practice.



Please use the Validation Error Reports and Loans on Hold Report to work through your loan
origination rejects. Once adjustments are made, you can queue the changes up for
origination that way. <u>Do not make adjustments in COD and do not manually accept in
records in the Direct Loan Override page</u>.

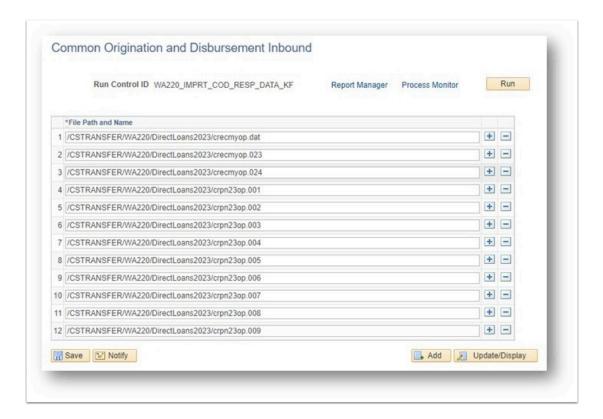
#### o AWARD LETTERS!

§ **EMAIL vs. LETTERS** Are you using emails or letters to notify students of their awards?

• The FA Flow Guide has steps for emailing award letter notifications, but you can also mail physical letters out using the download process. The caveat? You must have the letter template set up, or the process will not work in the Communication Generation Step. If you

have a letter template set up, here is a quick QRG on mailing out award letters. If you do not have the template set up, please file a ticket, and we can help you get that done. **QRG:** <a href="https://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92425/l/1605184-9-2-printing-award-letters-in-batch">https://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92425/l/1605184-9-2-printing-award-letters-in-batch</a>

- REMINDER THAT YOU CANNOT USE THE COMBINED PROCESS (.txt file) FOR THE "IMPORT COD RESPONSE DATA" STEP
- Please list out your cremyop, crpn, and other related files one at a time, row by row. The
  Import Federal Data Step does not recognize the combined file process. So, if you have
  many Funds Not Recorded in the System messages on your Authorization Failure Report,
  this may also be why, because the step isn't able to process a .txt file. Please list out the files
  similar to the example below:



#### **Query Corner!**

o **HAVING LOAN ISSUES?** Putting this query in your arsenal again

#### § CTC\_FA\_MISSING\_COD\_RESPONSE

 Are you having issues with the "Funds Not Recorded in the System" message on your loans on the Authorization Failure Report? It's likely you missed loading a COD response file. Run this query to find COD files you may not have loaded. Check your network drive where you saved your files, were any of them missed?

#### **Training Team Stuff!**

O UPDATED BUSINESS PROCESSING GUIDE:

§ **PELL BUSINESS PROCESS GUIDE** Additional language added on page 14 of the downloaded guide that crpg files aren't the only message class to come through EdConnect for Pell response files, craa files will also come through as response files too

o **RECORDINGS POSTED:** The *FLF & Disbursement Refresher* and *Census Processing* recordings are now available

§ Posted in the FA103 Authorizing and Disbursing Financial Aid Canvas Training course. The recording and slide deck are linked in the Additional Resources Module under the <u>Just In Time Trainings</u> sub-module. Remember, if you get an 'access denied' message that means you may not be registered for the course, or you haven't progressed through the course modules to unlock that module.

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

# Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):

- o Track Agency Funding 10/4/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
- o Follow Up Q & A for Track Agency Funding 10/6/22 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
- Work Sessions (with college staff guest presenters!):
  - File Review Best Practices | Guest Presenter: Sharon Gerlach, Spokane Community College 9/30/22 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
  - Top 10 Loan Rejects and Troubleshooting | Guest Presenter: Lorena Saucedo, Tacoma Community College 10/21/22 1:00 PM 3:00 PM (calendar invite forthcoming)

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#### Just For Fun! ? Did you know these things have names?

- -The # symbol has a very official name. We might call it the 'hashtag', or the 'pound sign' if you're old school. But it actually has a very official name called the *octothorpe*. #aboutthatfinaidlife
- The fleshy skin around the turkeys neck is called a *snood*. Still can never find the giblets either. Tip, they're not in the snood.
- Blackberries and raspberries are among a class of fruits called bramblefruits. Bramble fruits are aggregate fruits, which means they're made up of smaller units. The units, little bumps on the berries, are called *drupelets*.
- The bumps on the surface of a ping pong paddle are called *pips*.
- The prongs on a fork are called tines (why aren't they just called prongs?) smh

- The foam on the top of a beer is called *barm*, which is the yeast formed on fermenting malt liquors
- That hard-to-reach spot on your back that you can't ever seem to reach without a back scratcher? It's called the *acnestis*.
- You could call them whiskers, or you could call them *vibrissae*, which are the stiff hairs that are located on the face and especially about the snout of many mammals.

# 09/16/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

- · Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!
- ISIR JOBSET MAINTENANCE
- **TERM-BASED RUN CONTROLS:** Each quarter, it your responsibility to update your Term-Based run control IDs in your ISIR Jobset.
  - What does mean? This means, any Run Control IDs with a term 2225 in them, i.e., Update FA Progress Units, needs to be changed to 2227. Going forward each term, you must make these changes. Please set a reminder in your outlook to remind you that you need to make these changes each term, typically after grades post, and before your next term's disbursement run. DG6 Trailer colleges, this update does not apply to you for fall, because your terms are already set up for fall since fall is the top of your AYbut it WILL APPLY to you for Term 2231. Please go through your ISIR JobSet and look through all your Run Control IDs, and make sure to update that term from 2225 to 2227.
  - IT'S AUTOMAGIC!
    - **CENSUS & FA TERM:** Are you asking yourself, why isn't FA Load changing to N (No Units) if they're not registered for classes?
      - All your automagic happens when you run the Census Lock Process, on or around your published Census Daythis way, you won't have to be manually zero'ing out budgets or manually adjusting FA Term when a student tells you they aren't coming for that term. FA Term will reflect N for No Units once you run Census, if the student is still not registered for classes at that point.
    - LOAN DISBURSEMENT DATES: Are you asking yourselfhow do I manually adjust actual loan disbursement dates like I did in FAM?
      - The answer? You don't It's automagic!! It starts with sending loan origination records out to COD. When you are sending Orig records, you are sending to COD the orig record with the 'anticipated' disbursement date. Then, when you disburse loans, and then you send the outbound 'disbursement records' to COD. When COD accepts the records, they'll send you a response, which you load into ctcLink, and voila!the 'actual disbursement' loan dates now correctly reflect in the Manage Direct loan Application (MDLA) page. Same thing with Pell, in its respective page. You still have to work those rejects though, which is very *not* automagic. Run your Validation Error Reports to find and work those rejects.

#### · Query Corner!

- TRACKING AUTHORIZATION AND DISBURSEMENT
  - CTC\_FA\_SF\_DISCREPANCY\_LIST After you disburse aid, run this query to find students
    who have an amount of aid that has not yet been applied to the student's View
    Customer Account page.

# Training Team Stuff!

- UPDATED BUSINESS PROCESSING GUIDE:
  - **FA FLOW BUSINESS PROCESS GUIDE** The most current version is published to the ctcLink Reference Center as of 9/15/22. The guide is linked <a href="here">here</a>.
    - Summary of changes include: Reordering of steps in the FLF Process. Before the layout was to outline Mass Assign FLF and then Mass Remove FLF. We reordered the steps to display Mass Assign FLF, run Service Indicator List query, Adjust Aid, Update Packaging Variables, and then, Mass Remove FLF.
- **RECORDING POSTED:** The *FLF & Disbursement Refresher* recording is now available
  - Posted in the FA103 Authorizing and Disbursing Financial Aid Canvas Training course.
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    progressed through the course modules to unlock that module.

#### WHERE ARE ALL THE JUST IN TIME RECORDINGS?

• You can find all the previous training recordings in this new handy-dandy document, your one-stop shop for where all Just In Time recordings live. Just a note, you still need to have completed the respective Canvas Courses to be able to view the recording.

#### WHERE ARE ALL THE WORK SESSION RECORDINGS?

- You can find all the previous work session recordings in the Pillar Work Session Information Course.
- You can register for all Canvas Courses <u>here</u>.

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

- Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):
  - Packaging Plans 9/20/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
  - Follow Up Q & A for Packaging Plans 9/22/22 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
  - NEW! Census Processing 9/23/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM (calendar invite forthcoming)
  - Loan Refresher 9/27/22 9:00 AM 11:00AM
  - Follow Up Q & A for Loan Refresher 9/29/22 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

#### **Support Session (FA Training)**

- Awarding Drop-In Support Session 9/19/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
  - Come join Kelly Forsberg in a web ex to do some awarding. Are you having some
    interesting award posting error messages that is preventing you from posting aid? Do
    you have questions about award sequencing, etc.? Bring your examples to this drop in
    session, and Kelly will work with you to provide you some awarding support.
  - We do realize this is the start of fall quarter for many colleges, but it will be offered again as time allows. Announcements on that will be made here in the list serv.

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- The space on your hand between your thumb and index finger is called *thenar webspace*. Also, there's a pressure point therepress firmly into it with your other thumb and index finger for a moment (remember, a moment is 90 seconds -- it's supposed to help relieve headaches)
- Have you ever spit out your food when you ate something icky? We've all done it. What comes out is called *chanking*. Ew.
- Did you know the opposite side of a hammer's striking side is called a *peen*? Welp, I didn't know either, and now I feel kind of awkward.
- Ever wonder how much toothpaste the dental assistant puts on that toothbrush wand that polishes your teeth? There's a name for that measurement of toothpaste-- it's called a *nurdle*, which is a tiny dab of toothpaste, aww.
- The lines in the middle of your wrist are called *rasceta*. Nope, they're not your heart, love, or success lines; those are on your palm. Wouldn't it be cool to invent wristitry though, a sub-offering to palmistry?
- The metal part at the end of a pencil is called a *ferrule*. Use it in a sentence, "In grade school, I was a nervous student; I chewed the eraser AND the ferrule off my pencil."
- The loop on a belt that keeps the end in place after it has passed through the buckle is called a *keeper*.
- The infinity ∞ symbol is a mathematical symbol that represents an infinitely long number. It is called a *lemniscate*.

# 09/08/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

- Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!
  - AUTHORIZATION FAILURE REPORT TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE
    - Are you getting some messages in the Auth Fail Report that you don't know how to work? Use the Authorization Failure Report Troubleshooting Guide to get started on where to go in ctcLink to resolve messages. The guide is linked <a href="here">here</a>.
- · Query Corner!
  - TRACKING AUTHORIZATION AND DISBURSEMENT
    - CTC\_FA\_AUTHORIZATION\_DISCREP Run this query to find students that have discrepancies between what's been Offered/Accepted and Authorized/Disbursed. You can use this query to track how much aid was authorized and on which students.

- Recommended to run it after you run Batch Authorization, every time you have a Disbursement run.
- CTC\_FA\_DISBURSED\_BY\_DATE Run this query after you run Disbursement, so you can track the amount that you are disbursing. You can share these query results with SF so they know who is going to be in their Group Post batch.
- CTC\_FA\_LOAD\_COMP\_BETWEEN\_DATE: This query should be run up *until* census date. The query compares students with different FA Load level when disbursed to date entered in prompt. Can only be run after disbursement.

#### · Training Team Stuff!

- UPDATED BUSINESS PROCESSING GUIDE:
  - **FISAP Business Processing Guide** The most current version is published to the ctcLink Reference Center as of 9/8/22. The doc is linked <a href="https://example.com/here/">here</a>.
  - \*Reminder\* that colleges in Dual Processing for Spring 2022 or Summer of 2022 will be using Legacy processes for FISAP.
- **RECORDING POSTED:** The *Authorization Refresher* recording is now available in the FA103 Authorizing and Disbursing Financial Aid Canvas Training course. The recording and slide deck are linked <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

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  - Packaging Plans 9/20/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

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• The five-dot pattern found on dice is a *quincunx*. Thomas Edison has the five dots tattooed on his left forearm.

- The joy you feel thinking about good things that will happen is called *vorfruede*. You probably already know the meaning of *schaudenfruede*. Think of *vorfreude* as its nicer, more optimistic cousin.
- A person known by one name is *mononymous*. Think of Madonna, Adele, Voltaire, and maybe even the artist formally known as . . . ?
- As assembly of ferrets is a *business*. Next time I sign any checks "doing business as", I might channel my inner ferret.
- A group of jellyfish is called a *smack*. They sting though, so maybe a ZAP is more appropriate?
- A group of ravens is called *unkindness*. Apologies to crows and ravens who get a bad rap from the earlier centuries.
- A group of whale is called a *gam*. Gam is also a pleasant conversation between whalers. Now I am confused because I thought a gam was a good-looking leg. "Get a load of these gams!"
- Three or more goats is called a *trip*. Who comes up with this stuff anyway??
- Many owls form a parliament. How official sounding!

# 09/01/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

- · Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!
  - FISAP!
    - The Campus Solutions Financial Aid PRP 4 upgrade was implemented in production
      on the evening of July 21<sup>st</sup>. SBCTC has created a supporting document that includes
      the changes the user will experience. This overview document is now available on the
      SBCTC website and can be reached at the following link:

#### FA PRP 4 Overview

• If you are interested in learning more about these changes, SBCTC previously hosted one Q&A session which is linked below:

# FA PRP 4 Q & A Session Recording

- The FISAP Business Processing Guide will be updated and available by the end of next week.
   Stay tuned!
- · Query Corner!
  - TRACKING AWARDS TO STAY WITHIN COA
    - CTC\_FA\_THIRD\_PARTY\_PYMNTS run this query to find students that have third-party payments that are set up in SF, but may need to be recorded in the Fin Aid awarding page to ensure the student is not inadvertently over-awarded. For example, if a student is receiving L&I funding or some other agency funding, this needs to be recorded as a non-disbursable award in the Assign Awards to a Student page
    - CTC\_FA\_OVERAWARDED run this query to find students who are over-awarded for the AY. Run this query pre-emptively prior to disbursement. You will also find these students on the Authorization Failure Report, but it's helpful to review this before

Authorization, to reduce the number of students that will appear on your Auth Fail Report. Note, this query is going to also capture students who are not necessarily true over-awards, rather, they just have a zero'd out budget because they have not yet enrolled in classes

 CTC\_FA\_TERM\_OVERAWARDED run this query to find students who are overawarded by Term. Follows the above description.

# Training Team News

- **BUSINESS ANALYST TRAINING:** The Training Team delivered/facilitated our first Business Analyst Training Work Session Kick Off on Wednesday 8/31/22. We collaborated with many new Business Analysts at many colleges, as well as Business Analysts with 20 + years' experience. The experience was enriching to all, and we are excited to continue on this work with the college Business Analysts! The next series is coming in October, and is geared toward security where our SBCTC security team will facilitate our session for our BAs.
- RECORDINGS POSTED: The Pell Reconciliation recording is now available in the FA107 FA-SF Reconciliation Canvas Training course. The recording and slide deck are linked here.

### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

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- The fold of skin between your nose and upper lip is called the *philtrum*
- The technical term for the nape of your neck is the *niddick*
- Obsessive nose-picking is called *rhinotillexomania*
- The indent on the bottom of a wine bottle is called a *punt*
- The cardboard sleeve around your pumpkin spice latte (or other favorite hot beverage) is called a zarf
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# 08/26/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

- · Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!
  - TIME TO UPDATE YOUR COLLEGE FINANCING PLAN! The Dept of Ed announced the change to Direct Student Loan Interest rates effective for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2022 and before July 1, 2023
    - Use this QRG to make the updates to your CFP: <u>9.2 Update Student Loan Interest Rates on the College Financing Plan | 9.2 FA Loans | ctcLink Reference Center</u>
  - **VETERANS PROCESSING**! Are you aware of the different types of Student Groups for Veterans? Depending on the COE the Veteran submits to the VA Certifying Official, the appropriate SVB\_ student group should be applied with an effective date before the start of their first term:
    - SVBA Ch30 Montgomery GI Bill
    - SVBB CH31 VRE
    - SVBD Ch33 Post 9/11 GI Bill

- SVBE Ch33 Child
- SVBF Ch35 Child
- SVBJ Active Duty using TA (should only be assigned if the student has submitted a current TA voucher for the term)
- SVBK Active Duty not using TA
- SVBL Active Duty Spouse (using MyCAA or not, RCAA should be used to indicate active MyCAA Voucher)
- SVBM Ch33 Spouse
- SVBN Ch35 Spouse
- SVBZ Veteran not using VA benefits, if they are using a tuition discount they should be assigned the SW70 or SW71 group

#### · Query Corner!

- WORKSTUDY PROCESSING! Do you know how to identify certain populations of students to award Work Study?
  - QCS\_FA\_APPLIED\_4\_WORKSTUDY\_1 and QCS\_FA\_APPLIED\_4\_WORKSTUDY\_2 Identifies students that are interested in Work Study. Filter the results to review in date order
  - QCS\_FA\_WORKSTUDY\_WA\_RES Identifies WA State Resident students for SWS awarding
  - QCS\_FA\_WORKSTUDY\_UNDER18 Identifies under 18 years old students who may need parental or guardian signatures on HR forms
- Training Team News We heard you! At our JIT Training Session on 8/23/22, we heard your need for Authorization and Disbursement Training before Fall Term, and a need for File Review Best Practices. We have changed up the SBCTC Calendar a bit, and are pleased to announce that we have set some dates for those items, along with others to include Work Study training and others! Please check the SBCTC Calendar for updates calendar invites will be sent out to the ctclinkfinaidsupport list serv

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

- General
  - Business Analyst Work Session Series Kickoff 8/31/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
- Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):
  - Authorization Refresher 9/6/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
  - Follow Up Q & A for Authorization Refresher 9/8 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
- Calendar invites with web ex info are forthcoming to the ctclinkfinaidsupport list serv

## **Environment Updates:**

Reminder! PCD Refreshes normally take place on the first Monday of every month. They also correspond with image updates. The next PCD refresh will take place on Monday, September 5. That means any testing you have done in PCD, any processes you have built or students you have staged, will be wiped in the refresh, and replaced with the most recent data in the PRD environment.

#### Just For Fun! ? Did you know these things have names?

The wired cage that holds the cork in a bottle of champagne is called an agraffe

- The 'na na na' and 'la la la', which don't really have any meaning in the lyrics of any song, are called *vocables*
- The space between your nostrils is called *columella nasi*
- The armhole in clothes, where the sleeves are sewn, is called *armscye*
- The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning dysania
- Illegible hand-writing is called griffonage
- The dot over an "i" or a "j" is called a tittle
- The metal device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called a Bannock device

# 08/18/2022

#### Knowing is Half the Battle!

#### · Super Helpful Reminders and Tips!

- **File Paths:** Are you having more headaches than you would like over your inbound and outbound file paths? Double-check and triple-check your file path and your file naming convention?!!
  - Remember that a file going **OUTBOUND** to COD should follow the format in the specific business processing guides. For example, Pell outbound out should look like CRAA23IN.001 (increase the extension number by 1 each time you outbound) and is in upper case format
  - A response file from COD coming INBOUND to ctclink should follow the format in the specific business processing guides. For example, Pell inbound files in should be craa23op.001 (or any other range of numbers) or craa23op.dat file and is in lower case format
  - Be sure not to overwrite files you have already outbounded or inbounded
    - For example, rename your .dat files with a unique identifier so you are not duplicating/overwriting your files. Sometimes the same file naming convention can appear in your SAIG mailbox (EdConnect). You don't want to overwrite a .dat file you already brought into ctcLink, so a suggested practice is to change your .dat file with a distinguishing alpha or numeric value to keep the file name unique.
  - When in doubt, follow the business processing guides/QRGs as you are progressing through the steps

#### · Query Corner!

- COD FILES! Are you unsure whether or not you loaded a response file?
  - Run the QCS\_FA\_MISSING\_COD\_RESPONSE\_DATA to see if any inbound COD response files were missed and not loaded into ctcLink
- VETERANS PROCESSING! Are you tracking class changes for your Veteran students in ctcLink?
  - Any drops that occur throughout the term need to be reported within 30 days to the VA. This can be checked using the query: QCS\_SR\_VETERAN\_ENRLMNT\_CHANGES (the query is also useful when processing the 10<sup>th</sup> day audit)

- Grades are to be reported to VA 30 days after they are officially released to the student. For every student in the SVB student group run QCS\_SR\_STUDENT\_GROUP\_GRADES
- **Training Team News** Now that all of the colleges are in the ctcLink system, the Training Team is offering Just-in-Time Trainings, trainings at the time you need them!
  - Check the SBCTC Calendar to see what Trainings and Work Sessions are coming up!
  - Have an idea for a needed training? Please contact Kelly Forsberg, ctcLink Functional Trainer (Financial Aid) at <a href="mailto:kforsberg@sbctc.edu">kforsberg@sbctc.edu</a> or file a Training Ticket. Currently, Training has identified the need for:
    - Processing and Tracking Veterans ED Benefits in ctcLink
    - Processing Work-Study in ctcLink
  - Training content build is in progress stay tuned for future announcements for these areas and keep an eye out on this list serv and the SBCTC Calendar
- Security Team Updates Have you noticed that some QRGs in the ctcLink Reference Center have the security roles listed to be able to perform the function, and some do not? Our Security Team is going through our QRGs and adding the security roles to them so you and your LSAs can add them to your ctcLink User profile if you need them. Keep an eye out on the Financial Aid QRGs in the coming weeks; security roles will be added to the QRGs!

#### What's Coming Down the Pike?:

- Work Sessions (FA Support):
  - COD Credential Cross Reference 8/25/22 1:00 PM 3:00 PM
- Just In Time Trainings (FA Training):
  - Awarding Refresher 8/23/22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
  - Follow Up Q & A for Awarding Refresher 8/25 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
- Calendar invites with web ex info are forthcoming to the ctclinkfinaidsupport list serv

#### **Environment Updates:**

 PCD Refreshes normally take place on the first Monday of every month. They also correspond with image updates. The next PCD refresh will take place on Monday, September 5

#### Just For Fun! ? Did you know these things have names?

- The space between your eyebrows is called a *glabella*
- The way it smells after rain is called *petrichor*
- The plastic or metallic coating at the end of your shoelaces is called an aglet
- The rumbling of your stomach is called a wamble
- The cry of a newborn baby is called vagitus
- The sheen or light that you see when you close your eyes and press your hands on them is called *phosphenes*
- The day after tomorrow is called *overmorrow*
- When you combine an exclamation mark with a question mark, like this ?!, it is referred to as an *interrobang*

#### 07/14/2021

Hello Financial Aid ctcLinkers!

There is never a dull moment...or a BREAK for FA Administrators!

We're already getting questions about changes to verification that were announced in the Dear Colleague Letter "DCL ID: GEN-21-05 SUBJECT: Changes to 2021-2022 Verification Requirements."

https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague-letters/2021-07-13/changes-2021-2022-verification-requirements

We're eager to meet with you on this topic.

#### SPECIAL FA WORKSESSION FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION & CHANGES TO VERIFICATION

Join us **next THURSDAY**, **7/22 from 1-3 pm** to chat about options you have in Peoplesoft for processing, based on your own institutional decisions on verification and waiving verification.

This means our planned work session topic, which was another SAP Work session, will not be covered next week.

Please review the Dear College Letter and be prepared to ask questions and discuss ideas with us and your peers on how to manage this change.

#### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE NOW:

- Consider what your institutional policy will be around verification
- Consider changes to your internal policies and procedures
- Begin identifying students for which to waive verification checklist items (please see the attached similar guidance)
- If you are already reviewing documentation, and you decide that you want to complete verification for students that have submitted at least one document, consider how to track them
- Decide which checklists you want removed from assignment or if you want to have a staff facing requirement.
- Consider your existing Define Item Type Rules and which checklists you may want to remove from them
- When waiving verification, set the Student's Packaging Status Summary page "Verification Status" to "Selected Not verified" per the guidance in the announcement (excerpt below).

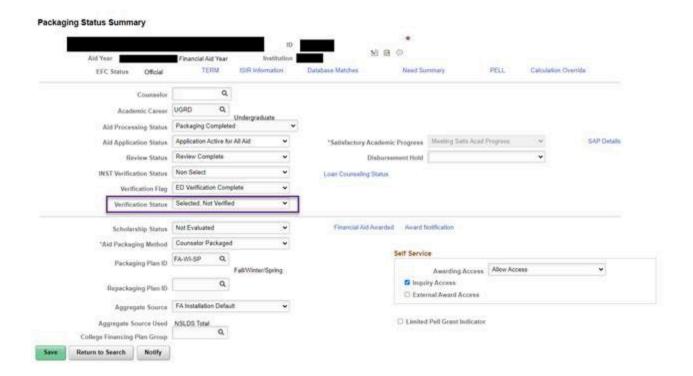
#### System Reporting Requirements

Because this change to verification policy is occurring mid-year, many 2021-2022 Central Processing System (CPS) transactions will continue to be selected for verification.

Even if verification is no longer required, institutions must report a valid Verification Status Code for every student selected for verification by the CPS. Institutions should report a "V" (if verification was completed) or an "S"; "blank" is not an acceptable verification status code, except in the case when a student is selected after he or she is no longer enrolled at your institution.

# When Verification Is No Longer Required

Institutions are not required to verify students selected under Verification Tracking Flag "V1" as of the date of this letter. We are expanding the applicability of Verification Status Code "S- Selected not verified" to not only students excluded under 34 CFR 668.54(b), but also to all students selected under V1 who are exempt from standard verification under this guidance.



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# 07/09/2021

Happy Friday ctcLinkers!

# **Dual Processing Extracts and \*NEW\* Query**

FA Support recently implemented a fix to the I-112 Dual Processing Student Career Term Extract process to ensure accurate intent codes are sent over for applied baccalaureate students. This fix was applied to Production on 7/7.

We also added an additional process to identify Unofficially Withdrawn Students while in Dual Processing. A new section in the Business Process Guide "Running the Unofficial Withdraws Query" provides step-by-step instructions.

http://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/96776/l/1241095-financial-aid-dual-processing-business-processing-guide

#### **Pell Reconciliation**

We recently made an improvement to the Pell Reconciliation report; the results of records to review should be much smaller (yay!). The report was using the *Full-Time* Scheduled Pell amount field rather than the <u>actual</u> Pell awarded/originated amount field. This meant anyone not awarded a full-time Pell amount was being returned as a discrepancy. Now the report is comparing what was originated versus what is currently awarded.

#### ISIR Bio Demo Resolution \*NEW\* Video

Check out this NEW guide! 9.2 Reviewing and Resolving an ISIR vs Bio Demo Mismatch Checklist Video | 9.2 FA - Managing 3C's | ctcLink Reference Center

#### **New Queries**

Query QCS\_FA\_AWARD\_GT\_ITMTYP\_AMT is in Production. This query can be used to compare the term award amount total to the total of item type charges based on the charge item type numbers you enter in the query prompt.

#### **Reminders**

**WCG Recalculate eligibility** Did you know there is a handy section in the WCG Business Process Guide on recalculating eligibility? Check it out!

http://ctclinkreferencecenter.ctclink.us/m/92436/l/798586-9-2-wcg-and-cbs-processing-business-process-guide

**Work-Study** If you haven't already, header and trailer schools that are using next year's funding, ensure timesheets are set up correctly now that the new fiscal year has begun.

**Prorating an EFC for 2022** Please recall there is a \*BUG\* in Peoplesoft on the 2022 ISIR Corrections page. It only affects where you need to go to prorate an EFC. Use the fourth tab on the page and you're good to go! We wanted to dispel rumors that you cannot send ISIR Corrections from Peoplesoft. Sending ISIR Corrections is NOT impacted by this bug.

# 06/25/2021

# FA Support Weeklyish Bulletin Friday 06/25/2021

Good afternoon!

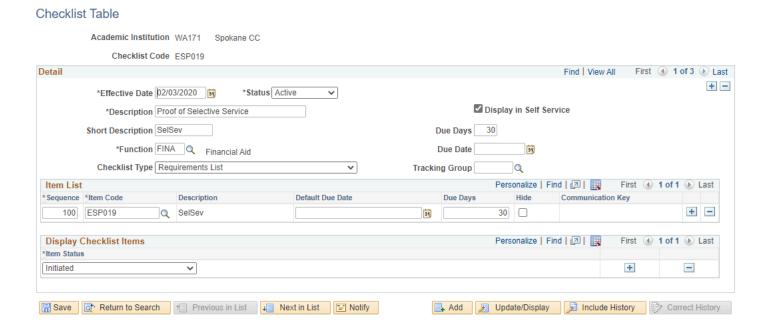
#### **FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION**

With the removal of requirements for Title IV eligibility related to Selective Service registration and drug-related convictions (<a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/06/17/2021-12762/early-implementation-of-the-fafsa-simplification-acts-removal-of-requirements-for-title-iv">title-iv</a>) in phases starting from the 2021-2022 aid year, colleges can start making changes in PeopleSoft in phases when ready.

- 1) Update the Selective Service (Exx019) checklist and Drug-Conviction (Exx061) checklist to staff facing only \*\*Checklist Table is NOT aid year specific so only do this update when you are no longer packaging 2020-2021 aid in PS\*\*
- Step 1) Go to Set Up SACR > Common Definitions > Checklists > Checklist Table
- Step 2) Click the arrow button to add a new effective dated row
- Step 3) Change the Checklist Type status to anything but Requirements List to prevent this checklist from populating on the To-Do communications
- Step 4) Uncheck the Display in Self Service checkbox so students no longer see it as a To-Do on their Student Homepage

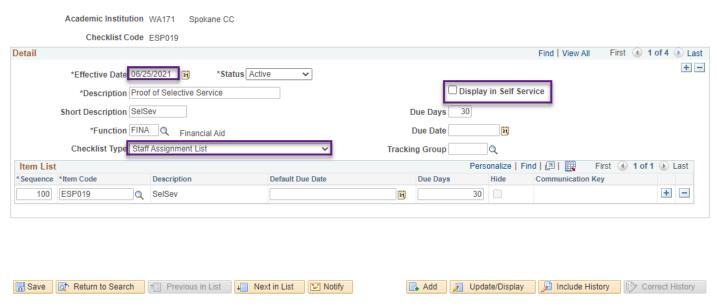
Step 5) Click Save

#### **Example of Before**



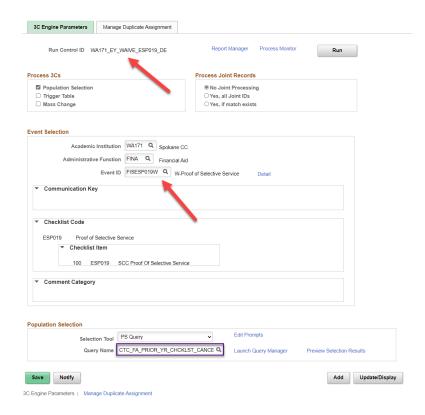
#### **Example of After**

#### **Checklist Table**



2) Update the Selective Service (Exx019) checklist and Drug-Conviction (Exx061) checklist waive Run Control IDs on your 2021-2022 ISIR jobset

On your Selective Service (Exx019) checklist and Drug-Conviction (Exx061) **waive Run Control IDs for 2021-2022**, update the query to **CTC\_FA\_PRIOR\_YR\_CHCKLST\_CANCEL** (finds the population of students who have the selected checklist in Initiated status).



#### **Query prompts**

**Aid Yr: 2022** 

**Institution:** (your institution)

**Checklist:** (Exx019 or Exx061 depending on which Run Control you're updating)

#### Why are we not removing the assignment of the checklists?

The 2021-2022 ISIRs will continue to have the Selective Service issues and drug convictions comment codes, and with the system not yet being set up to ignore them when packaging aid, colleges will need to override the database match on the Packaging Status Summary Page for each affected student. The following QRGs have the steps in overriding the database matches.

- 9.2 FAFSA Simplification Overridding Selective Service Checklist Item | 9.2 FA Managing 3C's | ctcLink Reference Center
- 9.2 FAFSA Simplification Overridding Drug Conviction Checklist Item | 9.2 FA Managing 3C's | ctcLink Reference Center

We will be working on updating the system for 2021-2022 so that colleges at one point will not need to manually override the database mismatch on these students to package Title IV aid. We'll keep you posted on any updates as we have them.

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# 05/21/2021

# FA Support Weeklyish Bulletin Friday 5/21/21

#### **PeopleSoft FYI**

FA ERP Support is busy testing the new CS 21 Image Update and bug fixes scheduled to be applied to production the weekend of Saturday, 6/19/21.

Stay tuned for invites to Question and Answer sessions regarding these updates. These are tentatively scheduled for Thursday and Friday 6/10/21 and 6/11/21.

#### This week in the FA Calendar & Resources

**9.2** | ctcLinkfinaid List Serv | Weeklyish Bulletin Archive - Keep an eye on this NEW page for updates and share the link with your staff. We'll be adding all of the distribution list email blasts to this page so you can go back and find something you might have missed.

FA WORK SESSIONS FOR SUMMER Save the Date!!!

Put a pin in your calendars for the following dates this summer. Work sessions will move to Thursdays to accommodate college summer hours. Invites to follow?

Date: FRIDAY 5/28/21

**Time:** 1 pm - 3 pm

**Topic:** SAP Special Fall SAP At the end of Spring there is a Special Fall SAP Process we'll want you to be familiar with for running end of summer SAP batches.

• **Date:** THURSDAY - 6/24/21

**Time:** 1 pm - 3 pm

**Topic:** Disbursements Prepare for first new aid year disbursement for header colleges & other tips and tricks regarding batch processing.

• **Date:** THURSDAY 7/22/21

**Time:** 1 pm - 3 pm

**Topic:** SAP Prepare for end of summer SAP.

Date: THURSDAY 8/27/21

**Time:** 1 pm - 3 pm

**Topic:** Reconciliation in preparation for Unit Record Reporting and FISAP.

# 04/20/2021

#### FA Support Weeklyish Bulletin Tuesday 04-20-21

#### **CARES III Global Item Types**

The following global item type numbers have been reserved for CARES III funding.

To request these item types be created for your college, please open a Ticket under the following <u>SolarWinds</u> request type: ctcLink Support • Campus Solutions • \*SF FA • Item Types.

For those colleges using Dual Processing, do not disburse these funds until you receive confirmation that these FAPCs have been added to your crosswalks.

FAPC for Dual Processing	Item Type Number	Description (Max 32 char)	Short Description (Max 10 char)	Charge Priority List	Refundable Indicator	Business Use Case	Examples of use
04D	91100000024	CARES III - Tuition & Fees	CARES3T&F	SBCTCT&F	N	For awarding the portion of relief funds that the student authorizes to pay 1098T eligible tuition and mandatory fees.	You may have a student that you award \$2000 in CARES III and the student has \$500 in 1098T eligible charges they would like to be paid first. Use 911xx24 for the charges. Use 911xx26 to award the rest of the funds so that it refunds to the student.

04B	91100000025	CARES III - Not 1098T & Refund	CARES3M&R	SBCARE2	Y	For awarding the portion of relief funds that the student authorizes to pay non 1098T eligible miscellaneous fees; any excess will refund to the student.	You may have a student that authorizes charges be paid by CARES III and the only charges the student has on their account are 1098T miscellaneous fees. Use 911xx25 to pay the fees and any excess will refund to the student. If the student had a combination of both 1098T eligible charges and non 1098T eligible charges, determine the amount needed to cover the charges and award accordingly. Any excess awarded using 911xx25 will refund to the student.
04C	91100000026	CARES III - Refund Only	CARES3RFD	SBCARES	Y	For awarding the entire amount of the relief funds when the student does not authorize charges be paid by their award. Does not pay any charge, will only refund to the student	You may have a student that you award \$2000 in CARES III and the student has \$500 in 1098T eligible charges they would like to be paid first. Use 911xx24 for the charges. Use 911xx26 to award the rest of the funds so that it refunds to the student.

# PeopleSoft FYI

In case you missed it...there were several colleges reporting **email send errors**. After tracking down the cause (a re-verification process needed to be done by your IT department), we sent out some clean up instructions to get your communications running smoothly again. Please see the attached announcement with instructions?

# **Training Latest & Greatest**

**ctcLink Reference Center materials -** We'd like to highlight the following two BPGs, in case you didn't know...check them out!

Track Student Eligibility Business Process Guide

Blocking FA Refunds Due to Withdrawals Business Processing Guide

This week in the FA Calendar & Resources

FA WORKSESSION FRIDAY!

Join us this Friday afternoon for an overview of Packaging.

Awarding and Packaging in a neat little bow!

**Date** 04/23/2021

Module/s Financial Aid

**Primary Audience** Financial Aid Staff responsible for awarding

Facilitator/s FA Support

Related QRGs Packaging and Awards Chapter ctcLink Reference Ctr

It's that exciting time of the year, the new aid year awarding and packaging cycle! Please join FA Support as we *unpack* the items needed for packaging we will unwrap the packaging "package" by reviewing tips and tricks with self-service, how to identify students who are ready to package, the ins and outs of online packaging, mass packaging and some things you would typically need to do before "lifting the curtain" (self-service) for all students to see their new AY package, all packaged up in a neat little bow!

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# 03/26/2021

## Weeklyish Bulletin Friday, 03-26-21

HAPPY FRIDAY ctcLink FA Crowd!

### **PeopleSoft FYI**

Residency Date Bug on Correct ISIR Page: Both Functional Support Analysts and colleges have found a bug where the residency date field label is incorrectly displayed. It is a known issue with Oracle and will be resolved with one of the next Image Releases, PUM20. This release is scheduled for Production the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Training Latest & Greatest**

#### ctcLink Reference Center Materials

#### New!

9.2 Reviewing and Resolving an ISIR vs Bio Demo Mismatch Checklist | 9.2 FA - Managing 3C's | ctcLink Reference Center

#### **Updates to:**

Specific notes have been added about reviewing your reporting preferences with COD and NSLDS in order to process NSLDS inbound data and COD Reconciliation Reports.

Loan Processing Business Process Guide | 9.2 FA - Financial Aid Business Process Guides | ctcLink Reference Center

NSLDS Transfer Monitor Business Process Guide | 9.2 FA - Financial Aid Business Process Guides | ctcLink Reference Center

#### This week in the FA Calendar & Resources

**Item Types** REMINDER to please submit your signed item type forms for CARES II and WA COVID Emergency Funding Item types. We'd like to have these ready for you to disburse immediately. Thank you!

**ALERT!** Run WCG Archive process prior to running spring disbursements!

#### 9.2 WCG and CBS Processing Business Process Guide

**End of Term Processing** - Take a look at some of our available resources on the ctcLink Reference Center on end of term processes including SAP Evaluation, Tracking Student Eligibility, and preparing for Disbursement

SAP Process and Set Up Business Process Guide

9.2 Financial Aid>9.2 FA - SAP>SAP>9.2 Identifying and Tracking State Aid-Eligible MAXT (Max Time Frame) Students

9.2 Financial Aid>9.2 FA - Packaging and Awards>Packaging & Awards>9.2 Mass Assign and Release Service Indicators

**Term Based Run Controls** It's time to take stock of all term based run controls you update at the end of the term (for most processes this is AFTER grades post) and set a calendar reminder for when to change your term values.

**Looking Ahead** Get ahead of census date!

Census Day Processing Business Process Guide

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