

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 668

RIN 1840-AC36

Student Assistance General Provisions

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Final regulations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary amends the regulations governing the Student Assistance General Provisions to add the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers to certain sections of these regulations. These sections contain information collection requirements approved by OMB. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The Secretary takes this action to inform the public that these regulations have been approved and affected parties must comply with them.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These regulations are effective on July 1, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Final regulations for the Student Assistance General Provisions were published in the **Federal Register** on November 27,

1996 (61 FR 60490 (Record Retention)), November 29, 1996 (61 FR 60565 (Financial Responsibility)), and November 29, 1996 (61 FR 60578 (Project EASI/Cash Management)). Compliance with information collection requirements in certain sections of these regulations was delayed until those requirements were approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. On January 17, 1997, OMB approved the information collection requirements for the record retention regulations, the factors of financial responsibility regulations, the standards of administrative capability, the compliance and financial statement audit regulations. On January 27, OMB approved the information collection requirements for the EASI/cash management regulations. The information collection requirements in these regulations will become effective with all of the other provisions of the regulations on July 1, 1997.

Waiver of Proposed Rulemaking

It is the practice of the Secretary to offer interested parties the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations. However, the publication of OMB control numbers is purely technical and does not establish substantive policy. Therefore, the Secretary has determined that, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), public comment on the regulations is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

List of Subjects*34 CFR Part 668*

Administrative practice and procedure, Colleges and universities,

Consumer protection, Education, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Student aid, Vocational education.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

David A. Longanecker,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

The Secretary amends part 668 of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 668—STUDENT ASSISTANCE GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 668 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1085, 1088, 1091, 1092, 1094, 1099c, and 1141, unless otherwise noted.

§§ 668.15, 668.16, 668.23, 668.24 [Amended]

2. Sections 668.15, 668.16, 668.23, and 668.24 are amended by adding the OMB control number following the sections to read as follows: “(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1840-0537)”

§§ 668.165, 668.167 [Amended]

3. Sections 668.165 and 668.167 are amended by adding the OMB control number following the sections to read as follows: “(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1840-0697)”

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