
ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Special Announcement from Member Benefits

January 2021

President Biden just announced an important update:

The student loan payment and interest pause on federally held loans is now extended through September 30, 2021

This continues the policy that's been in place since March 2020. As a reminder, here's what this means:

- For Direct and Federally-held FFEL loans, no payment is due and your interest rate is 0%. You can make payments, but you are not required to.
- Commercially-held FFEL loans and Perkins loans DO NOT qualify for this payment and interest suspension.
- Private student loans DO NOT qualify for this payment and interest suspension, but your lender may have implemented a forbearance program, so it's best to contact them directly about that.
- If you are on track to use the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program (and are meeting the requirements of that program), the months in administrative forbearance because of the pandemic DO count towards your 120 qualifying payments even if you aren't making payments.

If you are a [Savi Essential or Pro user](#), they can electronically enroll in a new income-driven repayment and forgiveness plan, as well as discuss their questions one-on-one with the Savi student loan experts.

Savi is hosting a webinar to explain what all of these changes mean for borrowers on Tuesday, January 26th at 3:30PM ET. You are invited to join by registering for the webinar [here](#).