

APPENDIX A— REJECT CODES AND REJECT REASONS

Reject Reason Codes

Reject reason codes can be either alpha or numeric. Alpha codes indicate reject reasons that are verifiable—that is, the student can verify the questionable data by re-entering the same value, or can correct it to a different value. Numeric codes are not verifiable—the questioned data must be corrected or provided. In all reject situations, the questioned information is highlighted on the SAR and an EFC is not calculated.

A "verify" action on the SAR will override a CPS edit. For example, if a student reports an exceptionally large number of family members, e.g., 20 in the family, the student's application will get Reject W. The student can verify the information by correcting the item to the same value, return the SAR for reprocessing, and Reject W will not be triggered again.

However, if instead of verifying that 20 in the family is correct, the student changes the 20 to 21, the corrected data will be subject to the same edits and will hit Reject W again.

In the electronic system, an FAA can override a verifiable reject (except Reject P) before transmitting the student's data to the CPS if the FAA knows that the reported information is correct.

Reject codes and reasons, and their associated SAR comment codes, are listed here in priority order. If a student is rejected for more than one reason, the codes will also appear in the FAA Information Box in priority order. The resolution for a rejected SAR is always the responsibility of the student, not the institution, and the SAR comment generated by the reject explains what action must be taken.

| Reject Code | SAR Comment Code(s) | Condition |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 19 | 8, 9, 18, 56 | Student on verification or drug abuse hold file |
| 2 | n/a | Incomplete application (student did not provide income information) |
| 3 | n/a | Incomplete Renewal Application (student did not provide taxable income information) |
| 20 | 76 | Too many comments |
| 1 | n/a | Simplified needs test not met, and all asset information is blank |
| 17 | 68 | Citizenship information blank or "No" |
| 13 | 82 | Both first and last names are blank |
| N | 82 | Either first or last name is blank |

| Reject Code | SAR Comment Code(s) | Condition |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 18 | 24 | Social security number not on SSA data base |
| P | 23 | Social security number not within valid range |
| 5 | n/a | Date of birth is blank or invalid |
| 4 | n/a | Date of birth year equal to current year |
| B | n/a | Independent student, date of birth equal to or later than September 1, 1980, and not current year |
| 12 | 81 | Any field needed for calculation is illegible |
| 10 | n/a | Marital status and number of family members are blank |
| W | n/a | Questionable number of family members |
| 11 | 89, 99 | Not married, but two incomes reported |
| 6 | 91, 93 | <i>Not married, but two expected year incomes reported (not used in 1997-98)</i> |
| 26-32 46-52 | 92 92 | Negative asset value, or blank asset value with positive asset debt |
| U | n/a | Real estate/investment debt greater than value (parents/independent student) |
| G | n/a | Real estate/investment debt greater than value (dependent student) |
| 15 | 108 | Unsigned SAR, or parent did not sign dependent student's application |
| 16 | 110, 111 | Unsigned FAFSA Express application |

Italics indicate a reject code for expected year income, which is not used in 1997-98.