Loan Repayment Plan Comparison

	Standard Repayment	Graduated Repayment	Extended Repayment	Income-Based Repayment (IBR)	Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR)	Pay As You Earn Repayment	Income-Sensitive Repayment (ISR)
Loan Program	Direct Loans & FFELP	Direct Loans & FFELP	Most Direct Loans & FFELP	Most Direct Loans & FFELP	Most Direct Loans	Most Direct Loans	FFELP only
Eligibility	This is the default plan if another plan was not selected before entering repayment	Upon request	Must have more than $30,000 in FFELP or Direct Loans	Must qualify for reduced payments; based on your total federal loan debt, AGI, and family size	Based on your AGI, family size, and total Direct Loan debt	Must qualify for reduced payments; based on your total federal loan debt, AGI, and family size	Based on gross monthly income
Payments	Monthly payments are at least $50	Payments start low and increase every two years	Fixed annual or graduated repayment	Payments capped at 15% (10% if you are a new borrower[1]) of your discretionary income, based on your AGI and family size	Payments are the lesser of: 20% of your monthly discretionary income (AGI – poverty level ÷ 12), or your monthly payment on a 12-year plan times a percentage factor that varies with your income	Payments are capped at 10% of your discretionary income based on your AGI and family size	Lowers payments for 12 months at a time
Loan Term	10 years (up to 30 years if consolidated)	10 years (up to 30 years if consolidated)	Up to 25 years	25-year term (20-year if-you are a new borrower[1]); any remaining balance is forgiven	25-year term, any remaining balance is forgiven	Any remaining balance after 20 years of qualifying payments is forgiven	5 years, then defaults to Standard or Graduated
Advantages	Loan is repaid in the shortest amount of time if payments are made as scheduled Least amount of interest paid if payments are made as scheduled	Works best if you expect your income to increase steadily over time Your largest payment will be no more thanthree times your smallest payment	Longer loan term, which makes payments lower	A reduced monthly payment amount when you qualify on this plan	Works best if you have a low-paying job	A reduced monthly payment amount when you qualify on this plan	Payments are calculated as aordable, based on your gross monthly income
Plan Longevity	Entire term, unless you apply for another plan	Entire term, unless you apply for another plan	Entire term, unless you apply for another plan	Recertify and recalculate payment amount annually by submitting current income documentation and family size	Recertify and recalculate payment amount annually by submitting current income documentation and family size	Recertify and recalculate payment amount annually by submitting current income documentation and family size	Reapply annually by submitting current income documentation and family size
Good to Know	If you do not select another plan, you are put on Standard Repayment	Amount due each month must cover interest	You will generally pay more interest on this plan due to longer repayment term	Payments may be as low as $0, depending on eligibility	Capitalization will not exceed 10% of the original amount you owed when entering repayment	Payments may be as low as $0, depending on eligibility	If you require lower payments for more than 5 years, consider Extended or Graduated Repayment

[1]You are a new borrower for the IBR plan if you had no outstanding balance on a Direct Loan or FFEL Program loan as of July 1, 2014 or have no outstanding balance on a Direct Loan or FFEL Program loan when you obtain a new loan on or after July 1, 2014.

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