

# The Right Kind of Loans for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

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If you are borrowing federal student loans right now

- You are borrowing directly from the federal government through the Federal Direct loan program

If you started borrowing student loans before July 2010

- You might have borrowed federal student loans from a bank or private lender through the FFEL program (Federal Family Education Loans)

If you aren't absolutely sure you have ALL Federal Direct loans

- Get sure. Only Federal Direct Loans are eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness. Visit [nlsds.ed.gov](http://nlsds.ed.gov)

If you discovered that you have FFEL loans

- You must consolidate FFEL loans into Federal Direct Loans [loanconsolidation.ed.gov](http://loanconsolidation.ed.gov)

If you borrowed commercial loans from a state or private lenders

- Cut it out! Commercial loans are never eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness