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## U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Team Up to Simplify Student Loan Discharge Process for Disabled Veterans

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has partnered with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make it easier for America's disabled veterans to have their federal student loans discharged.

"Our nation's veterans have sacrificed much for our country. It is important that, in return, we do all we can to give them the support and care they deserve," U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said. "Simplifying the loan forgiveness process and proactively identifying veterans with federal student loans who may be eligible for a discharge is a small but critical way we can show our gratitude for veterans' service."

Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said, "The hard work put into this important initiative by two large federal agencies for our veterans and their families is impressive in scope and further underscores VA's values. I want to thank Secretary DeVos and her team for partnering in this wonderful effort for those who have given so much."

Starting this month, the Department will begin matching borrowers on the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®), who have federal student loans or aid through the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, to the VA database. Borrowers positively identified in the match will be mailed a customized letter that will explain eligibility for loan discharge and include a total and permanent disability (TPD) application. The borrower can sign and return the application to complete the process of applying for a TPD discharge. For more information about TPD discharge, including the TPD discharge application, visit [disabilitydischarge.com](http://www.disabilitydischarge.com/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=govdelivery&utm_term=) ([http://www.disabilitydischarge.com/?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](http://www.disabilitydischarge.com/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=govdelivery&utm_term=)).

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