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The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has evaluated the Agency's proposed teacher shortage areas pursuant to specific provisions addressed in regulations concerning Federal student financial aid programs. 34 CFR Sec. 682.210(q)(6) and 682.210(q)(7) address the prescribed and alternative methodologies to calculate the proposed designated teacher shortage areas as well as assurances that must accompany the requested shortage areas.

The Department has designated the below academic disciplines or subject matter and geographic regions as teacher shortage areas during the 2021-2022 school year.

The Department's approval of the proposed shortage areas in our State may benefit student grant and loan recipients who are qualified to teach in the academic disciplines, grade levels, and/or geographic regions in your State where the designated teacher shortages currently occur. These benefits to student financial aid recipients, such as loan cancellations, are indicated in the regulatory provisions included at the end of this document.

Vermont Shortage Education Areas for 2021-2022 School Year

- Career Technical Center Director*
ROPA Approved Program: A: Peer Review
- School Librarian*
ROPA Approved Program: A: Peer Review
- Health Education*
ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Castleton University, TAP. A: Peer Review
- Family and Consumer Sciences*
ROPA Approved Program: A: Peer Review
- Special Educator*
ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, St. Michael's College, University of Vermont. A: Peer Review
- Modern Classical Language -Spanish*
ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Castleton University, Middlebury College, St. Michael's College, TAP, University of Vermont. A: Peer Review
- School Counselor*
ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Goddard College, Northern Vermont University. A: Peer Review



8. *Mathematics (grades 7-12)*

ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Castleton University, Middlebury College, Norwich University, St. Michael's College, Spark, TAP, University of Vermont. A: Peer Review

9. *Physical Education*

ROPA Approved Programs: EPPs: Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, Norwich, TAP, University of Vermont. A: Peer Review

10. *Driver Education*

ROPA Approved Program: A: Peer Review

LEGEND: EPP – Educator Preparation Program, A – Alternate Route to Licensure

Stafford Loan and Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment, should contact the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID. Federal Perkins Loan borrowers should contact the school where they received the loan.

- 34 CFR 682.210(b)(5)(ii), (b)(7), (q), and (s) enable a borrower who had no outstanding Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan on July 1, 1987, but who had an outstanding FFEL Program loan on July 1, 1993, to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Stafford Loan Program anytime within the life of the borrower's loan(s) for up to three years of service as a full-time teacher in a private elementary or secondary school in a teacher shortage area designated by the Department, and as certified by the chief administrative officer of the particular school in which the borrower is teaching;
- 34 CFR 674.53(c) enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full-time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, or any other field of expertise where the State educational agency determined there is a shortage of qualified teachers to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of the outstanding balance on the borrower's Federal Perkins loans; and
- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (regarding the requirement to serve at least four academic years, within eight years of graduation) by teaching in a "high-need field," which includes academic disciplines/subject areas identified as teacher shortage areas at the time the grant recipient begins teaching in that field.

