



Date of Determination Solved!

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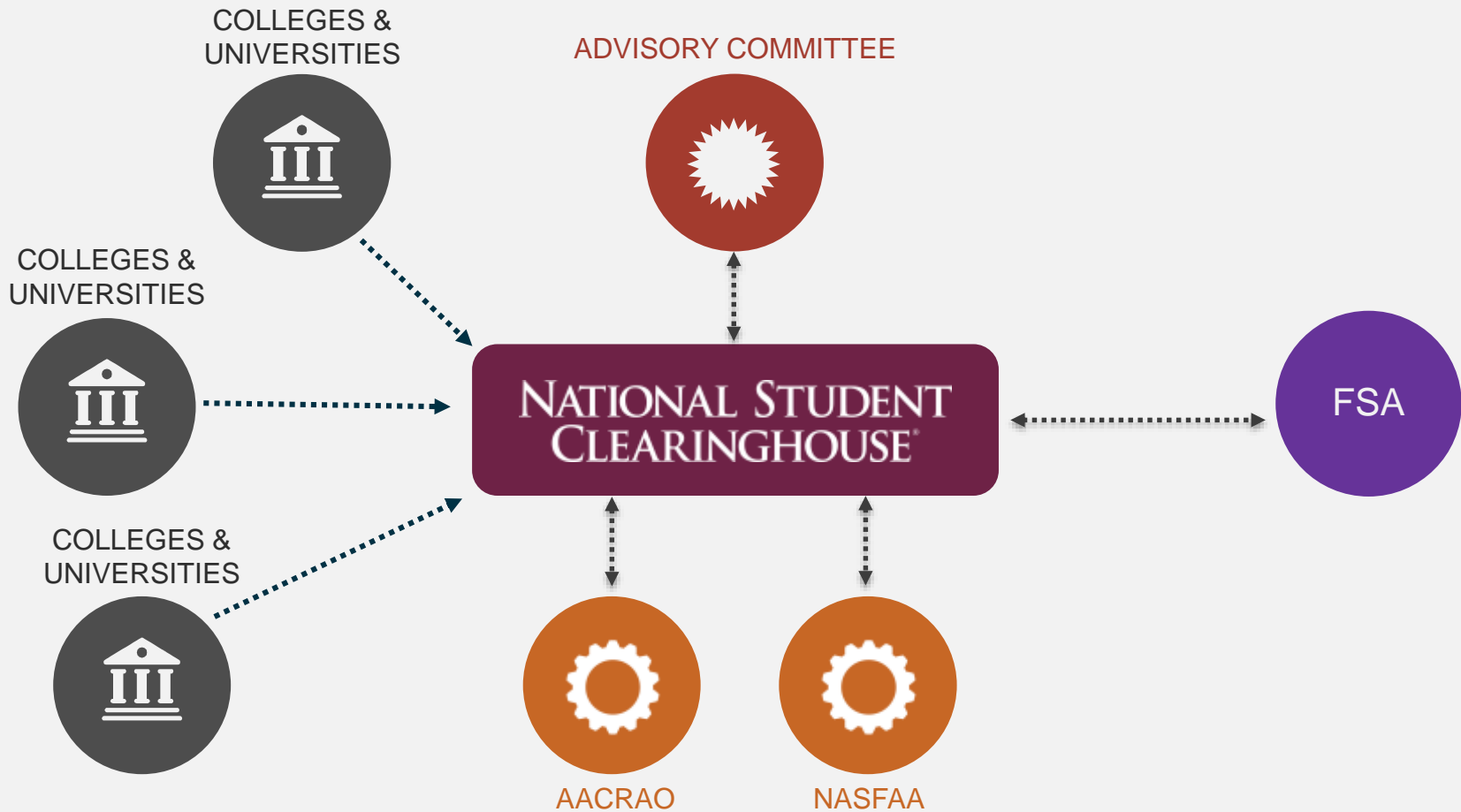
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Agenda:

- Issue Identification
- Summary of problem
- New guidance from FSA
- Going forward

Issue Identification





Students make decisions that impact their enrollment status, and institutions may not be immediately aware.



Summary of the Problem

The NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Guide did not define the Date of Determination. As a result, auditors may have incorrectly used the status effective date as the first day of the 60 day reporting window.



New Guidance

Section 4.4.2 of the new [NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Guide](#) provides clarity that should be shared with auditors, utilized for establishing academic policies and understood to ensure procedures in your offices are in alignment.

Key Points of New Guidance

- “the Effective Date is neither the ‘date of determination’ nor the date that the school becomes aware of a status change; rather, it is the date that the enrollment status first became effective.”
- “It is not required that the update be received by NSLDS within two months of the Enrollment Status Effective Date; rather, the school must report the retroactive status change in its next scheduled enrollment submission, or sooner if possible, although this might happen months after the actual effective date.”
- “Even though a school may not be able to report a status change until more than 60 days after the actual Effective Date of that status change, this retroactive reporting does not violate the requirement to report every 60 days.”

Student Scenario #1

Background:

- A student was last enrolled in Spring at an institution where the Summer Session is optional
- This student has no summer courses but registered for Fall/is expected to return in Fall.
- The student does not end up returning for Fall and this is discovered on the Fall census date.

For the Above Example...

1. The Effective Date of the Student's Status Change is the Spring Term End Date
2. The Date of Determination of the retroactive enrollment status change is the Fall Census date. The school has 60 days from the Fall Census date, (or the date that the student's status change was determined), to report the status change to NSLDS.

Student Scenario #2

Background:

- A student has applied to graduate as of the spring term. The last day of classes for the spring term is May 15th and the graduation ceremony is May 18th.
- After the end of the term, grades are reported and the institution performs their degree audits.
- On June 2nd, the degree audit process is completed and the institution determines the student has completed all their degree requirements and the degree is officially conferred.

For the Above Example...

1. The Effective Date of the Student's Graduation recorded by the school is the last day of classes or the ceremony date, (May 15th or May 18th).
2. The Date of Determination of the Student's Status Change is the date that the school determined that the student has met all of the requirements for the "G" as defined by FSA/NSLDS and the school's policy—June 2nd.

Student Scenario #3

Background:

- A student realizes he is failing and walks off campus mid-way through the fall term during a mid-term exam and does not return.

For the Above Example...

1. The Effective Date of the Student's Status change = the date that the student meets all requirements for the status change as assessed by the institution and in accordance with FSA/NSLDS guidelines.
 - Typically, for attendance taking institutions: This is the date the school determined the student stopped attending classes
 - For non-attendance taking institutions: This is the last date that coursework or an exam was completed, a census date or term end date.
2. The Date of Determination of the Student's Status Change may not happen until after the course has ended, the instructor has submitted grades and documents that support the student's last day of participation.

Resources

- Audit Resource Center
- Compliance Central
- Clearinghouse Academy

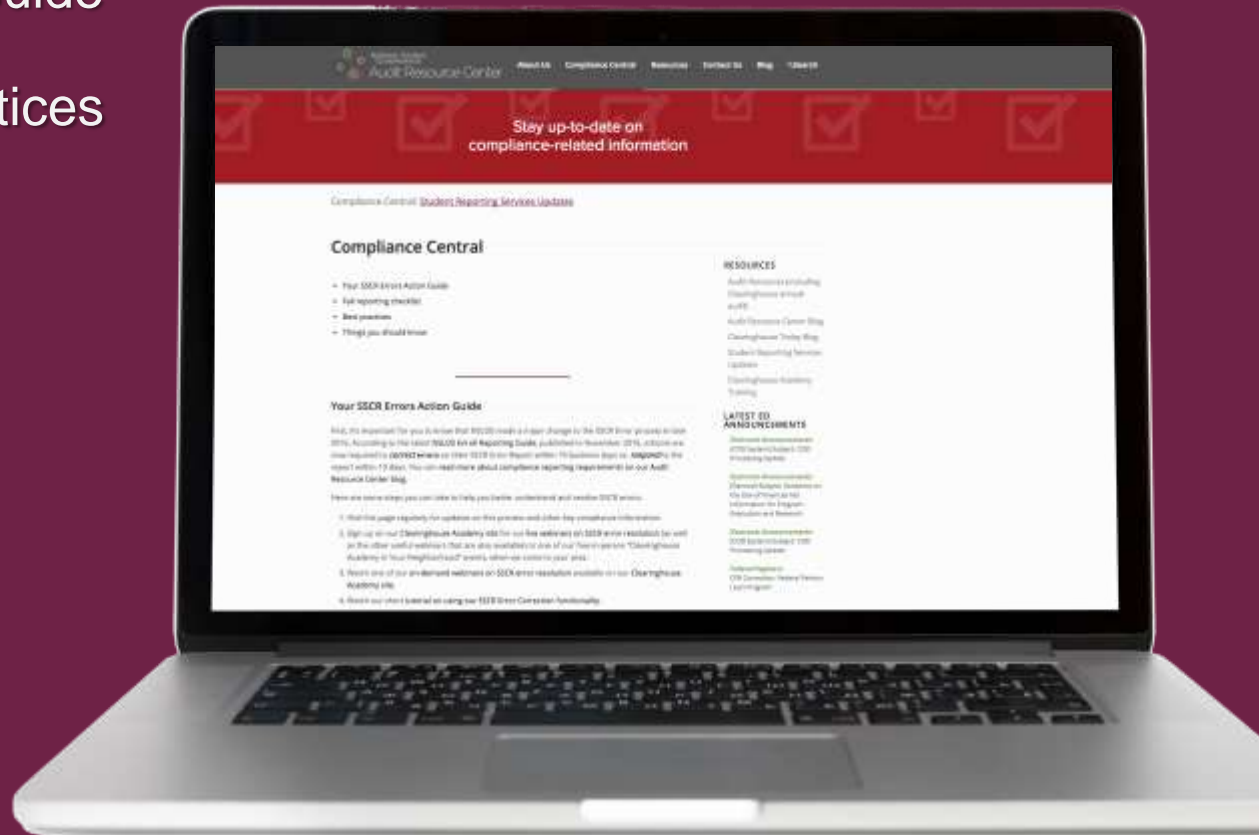
Audit Resource Center

- Assists ~1,000 schools per year
- Works with you and your auditors to explain issues and provide documentation to reduce and eliminate audit findings
- Aids with audits and day-to-day compliance questions
- Offers online resources for preparing and responding to an audit
- Shares trends in auditor areas of focus



Compliance Central

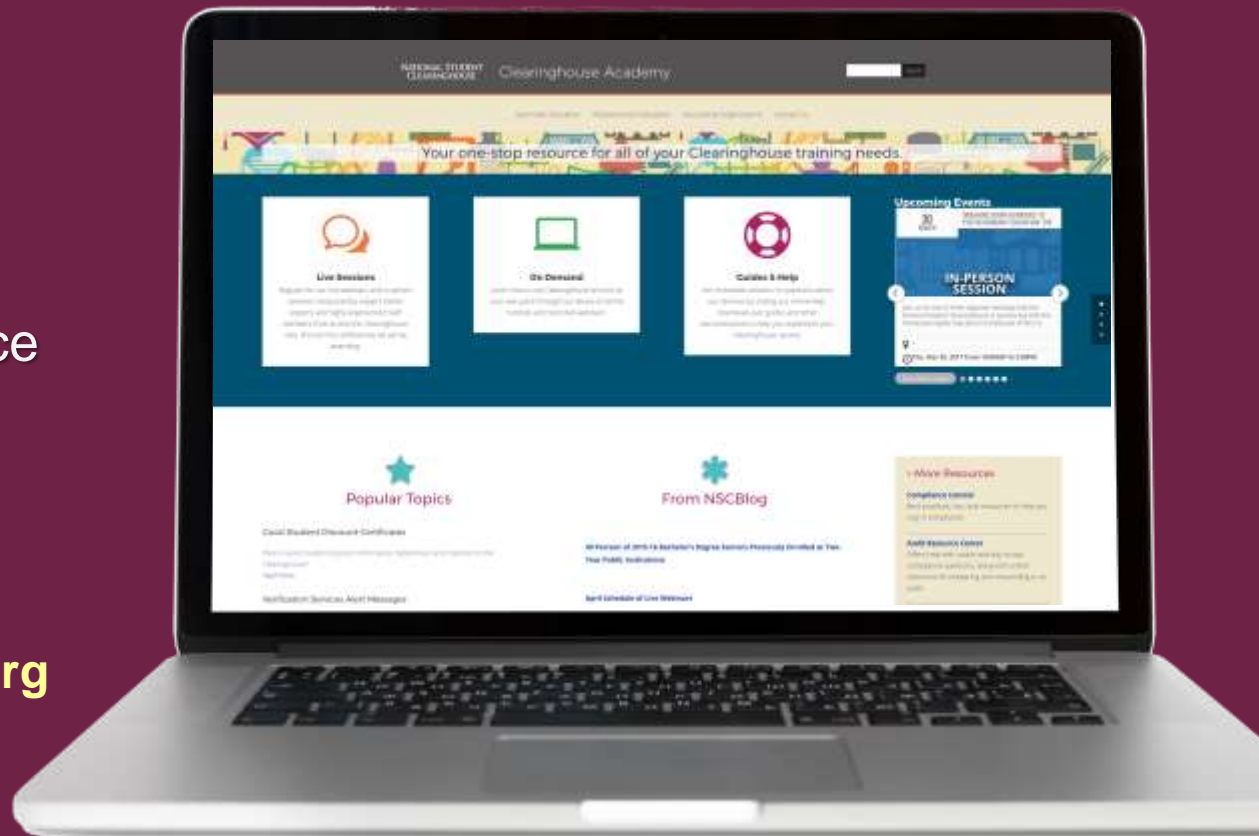
- Proactively communicate awareness of FSA actions, issues, and priorities
- SSCR Errors Action Guide
- Compliance best practices
- Reporting checklist
- Reminders and tips
- Helpful links



Clearinghouse Academy

- Live events and webinars
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