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RELEASE NOTES SUMMARY

This release includes the following:

- **Interest Rates Update in SLOPE Calculator** – The interest rates and related information found in the Student Loans Over Projected Earnings (SLOPE) calculator have been updated for 2018-2019.
- **Updated Occupational Data** – Each year, occupation profiles are updated to reflect new data from O*NET as well as other sources. This year's update includes new occupations and updated state, regional and national wage, outlook and employment data.

1. INTEREST RATES UPDATE IN SLOPE CALCULATOR

The interest rates found in the Student Loans Over Projected Earnings (SLOPE) calculator, and related information, have been updated for 2018-2019.

- The Direct Subsidized Loans interest rate was updated to 5.05%
- The Direct Unsubsidized Loan was updated to 5.05% for undergraduates and 6.6% for graduates
- The Direct Plus Loans interest rate was updated to 7.6% from 7%

You may change the interest rate, loan term, and minimum payment for the calculations below. We have included the current interest rates for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans and Direct PLUS Loans, although these may be adjusted periodically. We have also included the maximum loan term of 10 years for a standard repayment schedule and the minimum payment for Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans and Direct PLUS Loans. Your repayment schedule may be shorter than 10 years if the minimum payment will pay it off sooner, or your minimum payment may be higher in order to pay it off within 10 years. For alternative loans, check with your lender for terms and conditions.

***Direct Unsubsidized Loans**

<input type="text" value="5.05"/> %	•5.05% is default but changeable.
<input type="text" value="10"/> years	10 years is default, but you may enter alternatives
<input type="text" value="\$ 50"/>	\$50 is default but changeable.

•Use 5.05% to calculate Direct Subsidized Loan

Direct PLUS Loans

<input type="text" value="7.6"/> %	7.6% is default but changeable.
<input type="text" value="10"/> years	10 years is default, but you may enter alternatives
<input type="text" value="\$ 50"/>	\$50 is default but changeable.

Other/Alternative Loans

<input type="text" value="10"/> %	10% is default but changeable.
<input type="text" value="10"/> years	10 years is default, but you may enter alternatives
<input type="text" value="\$ 50"/>	\$50 is default but changeable.

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SLOPE Calculator with revised interest rates

2. UPDATED OCCUPATION DATA

Each year, occupation profiles are updated to reflect new data from O*NET as well as other sources. As part of the update, three careers were renamed:

- Nurse Aide / Orderly is now Orderly
- Executive Secretary / Executive Administrative Assistant is now Administrative Assistant / Executive Secretary
- Secretary/Administrative Assistant is now Secretary

In addition to the updated career information data, the national and state earnings and outlook were updated.

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JUST THE FACTS

Transports patients to areas such as operating rooms or x-ray rooms using wheelchairs, stretchers, or moveable beds. May maintain stocks of supplies or clean and transport equipment.

This career is part of the [Health Science](#) cluster [Support Services](#) pathway.

A PERSON IN THIS CAREER:

- Answers patient call signals, signal lights, bells, or intercom systems to determine patients' needs.
- Carries messages or documents between departments.
- Changes soiled linens, such as bed linens, drapes, or cubicle curtains.
- Cleans and sanitizes patient rooms, bathrooms, examination rooms, or other patient areas.
- Cleans equipment, such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, or portable medical equipment, documenting needed repairs or maintenance.
- Collects and transports infectious or hazardous waste in closed containers for sterilization or disposal, in accordance with applicable law, standards, or policies.
- Collects soiled linen or trash.
- Disinfects or sterilizes equipment or supplies, using germicides or sterilizing equipment.
- Lifts or assists others to lift patients to move them on or off beds, examination tables, surgical tables, or stretchers.
- Positions or holds patients in position for surgical preparation.

INSIDER INFO

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Orderly career profile