

Entrance Counseling

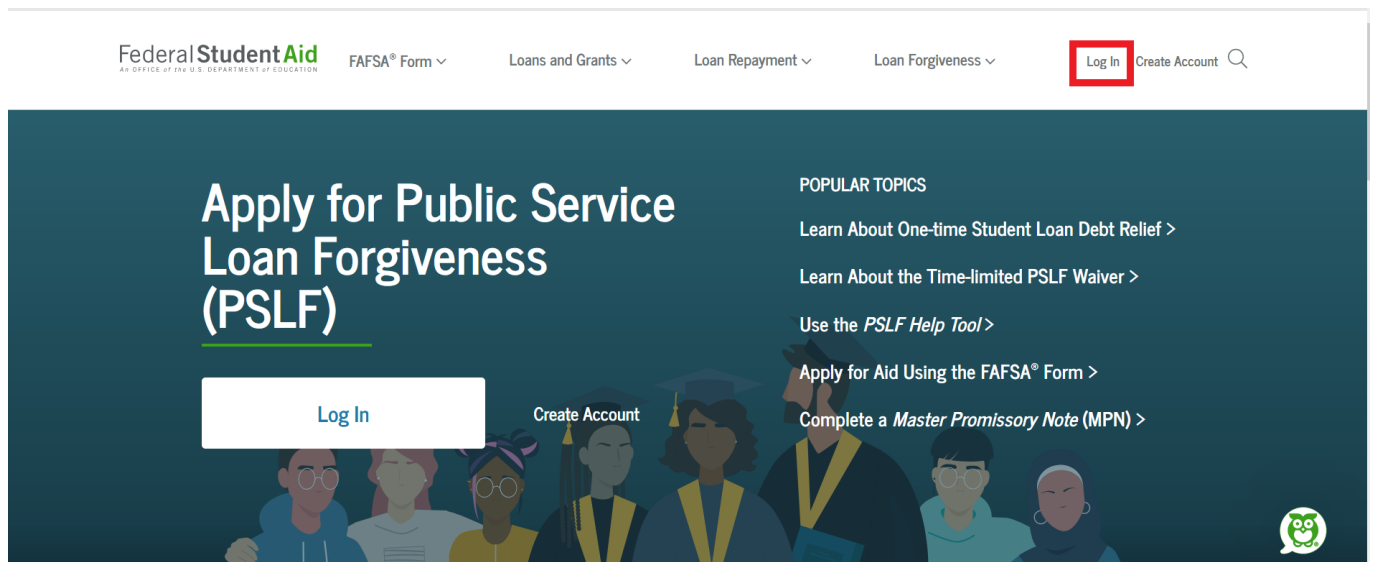
Summary

The steps for completing Entrance Counseling, which is required when applying for a loan

Instructions

Below are the steps for completing the Entrance Counseling and/or Financial Awareness Counseling online.

1. Go to studentloans.gov and click "LOG IN."



2. Enter your information to log in. You'll need your FSA ID. If you don't have an FSA ID yet, you can create one on the Federal Student Aid website.

Log In

FSA ID Username, Email, or Phone

Password

[Show Password](#)

Log In

[Forgot My Username](#)

[Forgot My Password](#)

Don't have an account? [Create an Account](#)

[Help Me Log In to My Account](#)

3. Click "Complete Entrance Counseling" under the "Checklists" section.

Checklists

I'm Preparing for School



I'm in School



- Renew your [FAFSA® form](#) each school year
- Complete a [Master Promissory Note \(MPN\)](#) to take out a federal student loan
- Apply for a [PLUS loan for graduate school](#) to help pay for education expenses not covered by other aid
- Complete [entrance counseling](#) before getting a student loan
- Complete your [Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment](#) each year you get a new loan to review your borrower responsibilities
- Complete [exit counseling](#) to learn about your responsibilities when repaying your loans (for students who are finishing school)
- Use [Loan Simulator](#) to estimate monthly payments and compare repayment options
- Learn about the types of aid—[grants](#), [work-study](#), [loans](#), and [scholarships](#)

4. If you're applying for a four year degree or shorter, click "Start" by the "I am an Undergraduate Student" section.

Select Your Student Status to Begin

Your school may have different entrance counseling requirements. Check with your school's financial aid office to be sure that the counseling on this Web site satisfies your school's entrance counseling requirements.

If your school requires you to complete and return a written entrance counseling document, download [Entrance Counseling PDF](#).

 I am an Undergraduate Student  Entrance counseling for undergraduate students is required if you have not previously received a Direct Subsidized Loan or a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You're an undergraduate student if you are enrolled in an undergraduate course of study that usually doesn't exceed four years and that leads to an undergraduate degree or certificate.	
 I am a Graduate or Professional Student  Entrance counseling for graduate or professional students is required if you have not previously received a Direct Unsubsidized Loan or Direct PLUS Loan. You're a graduate or professional student if you are enrolled in a program or course above the bachelor's degree level (such as a master's degree or Ph.D. program) or who is enrolled in a program leading to a professional degree (for example, J.D. or M.D.).	

5. The next page will ask you to select the schools you want to be notified after you complete the Entrance Counseling session. Be sure to select A-B Tech here, then click "Continue."

Let's Notify Your School

Select up to three schools you want to notify of your entrance counseling completion.

Search School

Find the school that should be notified when you've completed entrance counseling.

☒ U.S. Schools/U.S. Territory Schools

☐ Non U.S. Schools

Choose a State

Search School By Name

[I want to select one of my schools on record instead](#)

School(s) You Selected to Notify

The school(s) you selected below will only receive notification that you successfully completed entrance counseling and the date it was completed.



You have not selected any school to notify.

[Previous](#)

[Continue](#)

6. The next page will be the start of your counseling session. You will need to go through all of the modules and answer any questions asked in the "Check Your Knowledge" sections. After successfully completing the counseling session, A-B Tech will be sent a notification letting us know that you've completed it.

Entrance Counseling Modules

Review what you'll learn in each module and select "Start" for the first module to begin.



Estimate the Cost of Your Education

Learn about direct and indirect costs, and how managing your education costs can ultimately reduce your student loan burden.

Start

What's in this module?

1. What is the total cost of your program?
2. How your school's cost of attendance is calculated

Key Words: Entrance Counseling, loan, loans, Direct Loans, Exit Counseling, studentloans.gov

Online URL: <https://info.abtech.edu/article.php?id=319>