

BACKGROUND

In September, President Obama announced major changes to how and when students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – generally referred to as “Prior-Prior Year” or PPY. Beginning in 2016 for the 2017-18 academic year, the FAFSA will be available earlier – in October rather than January – and will use income information from two years prior to the academic year (“prior-prior year”) rather than the previous year. The College Board’s CSS / Financial Aid PROFILE® will also use PPY tax information in 2017-18. Because these changes go into effect this fall, they require early attention and planning.

The College Board is committed to a successful transition to PPY and to providing helpful resources and information as institutions and students adapt to these changes. A three-phase action plan that supports members and students is being developed in close consultation with our national assembly councils.

**Prior-Prior Year
Action Plan**

**Phase 1:
Higher Ed**
Admissions/Enrollment/Aid
Nov 2015 – Feb 2016

**Phase 2:
Counselors**
March 2016 – Aug 2016

Develop information and
planning tools & supports

**Phase 3:
Students**
Sept 2016 – Dec 2016

Ensure students are
PPY ready

Support institutions as they
prepare & plan for
implementation

ARTICLES & RESOURCES

Prior-Prior Year: What it is, and why it's important to start planning now	https://www.collegeboard.org/membership/all-access/financial-aid/prior-prior-year-what-it-and-why-it-s-important-start-planning
White House Announcement	https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/fafsa-changes-17-18.pdf
College Board Signs Joint Statement on Prior-Prior Year	https://www.collegeboard.org/membership/all-access/financial-aid/college-board-signs-joint-statement-prior-prior-year
Board of Trustees Unanimously Votes to Move to Prior-Prior Year for CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE	https://www.collegeboard.org/membership/all-access/financial-aid/board-trustees-unanimously-votes-move-prior-prior-year
NACAC PPY Resource Site	http://www.nacacnet.org/issues-action/LegislativeNews/Pages/PPY.aspx
NASFAA PPY Resource Site	http://www.nasfaa.org/ppyresources
“How FAFSA’s New Reliance on Older Tax Data Could Affect Colleges” (<i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>)	http://chronicle.com/article/How-Fafsa-s-New-Reliance-on/233701
College Board Financial Aid Services PPY Resource Site for PROFILE Users	https://groups.collegeboard.org/fas/ppy

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