

## **Definitions of terms in NJCLASS ReFi Loan**

### **Alien Registration Number**

To verify the immigration status of U.S. permanent residents and other eligible noncitizens, A-numbers are collected. The INS assigns A-numbers to all legal immigrants.

### **ACH - (Automated Clearing House)**

A process by which monthly payments can be made to outstanding loan debt directly from the borrower's bank account. Authorization from the borrower is required to establish this process.

### **Co-Borrower**

Additional borrower whose income contributes to qualifying for the loan and whose name appear on documents with equal legal obligations to repay the debt. A co-borrower's obligations are the same as the borrower's. Co-borrowers are responsible for the entire amount of the loan debt.

### **Co-obligor**

One who binds oneself (by contract or legal agreement) with one or more people to fulfill an obligation.

### **Cosigner**

A cosigner is required when an applicant or joint applicants do not meet HESAA's income and/or creditworthiness criteria for granting an NJCLASS loan. A cosigner's obligations are the same as those of the borrower. If the borrower(s) does not repay the loan, the cosigner accepts responsibility for repaying the debt.

### **Default**

A loan is in default when the borrower fails to pay several regular installments on time (i.e., payments overdue by 180 days) or otherwise fails to meet the terms and conditions of the loan.

### **Delinquency**

A late payment on any NJCLASS loan. Delinquency begins the first day after the due date of the first missed payment. The due date of the first payment is established by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA).

**Eligible Non-Citizen**

Someone who is not a U.S. citizen but is eligible for federal student aid. Eligible noncitizens include a U.S. permanent resident who has a permanent resident card (I-551) or a conditional permanent resident (I-551C), or a noncitizen with a Departure record (I-94) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

**Joint Cosigner**

Is an additional cosigner applying along with the cosigner. The joint cosigner's obligations are the same as those of the cosigner.

**NJ Nexus**

A relationship or connection to New Jersey. The student on the underlying loans must either be a current NJ resident, been a NJ resident at the time the underlying loans were borrowed or attended a NJ school with the proceeds of the underlying loans.

**Pre-approved**

Pre-approved means the applicant has met HESAA's minimum income and credit requirements. Upon final review and verification of income, applicants who pass the credit and minimum income requirement will receive a Loan Offer.

**Promissory Note**

A written document in which a borrower agrees (promises) to pay back money to a lender according to specified terms. A written promise to pay a certain sum of money, at a future time, unconditionally.

**Student Beneficiary**

The student who benefited from the underlying loan included in the refinance.

**Total Annual Income**

Your current documented income. (You need not disclose alimony, child support, public assistance aid, or separate maintenance income if you do not wish to have it considered as a basis for repaying this obligation.)

**Underlying Loan**

An existing student loan that is being paid by the refinance loan.