



## 361 COMMENT CODE RESOLUTIONS

### Tax Return Filing Status – Marital Status Potential Conflict

The information on your FAFSA contained data that we need your help to clarify and/or verify.

The information we need to clarify/verify is related to your Parent’s tax return filing status relative to their marital status reported on your FAFSA. Your FAFSA was processed by the Department of Education and resulted with the below code based on how the Tax Return filing status and Marital Status were reported. Please review your Parent’s information on your FAFSA and complete the below information.

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#### Description:

- Your parent’s tax filing status = 2 (Married, filed joint return) or 5 (Qualifying widow[er]) and your parent’s marital status = 2 (Never married), OR
- Your parent’s tax filing status = 1 (Single), 3 (Married, filed separate return) or 4 (Head of Household) and your parent’s marital status = 1 (Married or remarried), OR
- Your parent’s tax filing status = 2 (Married, filing joint tax return) and parent’s marital status = 3 (Divorced or Separated) or 4 (Widowed)

#### Result and Action needed:

Your Parent’s tax return filing status conflicts with their Marital Status. Please review this information and provide the below clarification:

- Is my parent’s tax return filing status correct?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- If not, what should their tax return filing status be?  
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- If the tax return filing status is correct, is the income information reported in items 85 – 89, 93 & 94 correct?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- If the income information is incorrect, what should the correct income information reflect?  
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#### Certification

By signing this form, I (we) certify that all the information reported to qualify for Federal student aid is complete and correct. (If a dependent student, at least one parent must sign.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date