

## APPENDIX A — 2001-2002 REJECT CODES AND REJECT REASONS

### *Reject Reason Codes*

Reject reason codes can be either alpha or numeric. Alpha codes indicate reject reasons that are verifiable—that is, the student can verify the questionable data by re-entering the same value, or can correct it to a different value. Numeric codes are not verifiable—the questioned data must be changed or provided. In all reject situations, the questioned information is highlighted on the SAR and an EFC is not calculated.

A "verify" action on the SAR will override a CPS edit. For example, if a student reports an exceptionally large number of family members, e.g., 20 in the family, the student's application will get Reject W. The student can verify the information by correcting the item to the same value and Reject W will not be triggered again.

However, if instead of verifying that 20 in the family is correct, the student changes the

20 to 21, the corrected data will be subject to the same edits and will hit Reject W again.

In EDEExpress, an FAA can override some verifiable rejects before transmitting the student's data to the CPS if the FAA knows that the reported information is correct. In FAFSA Express and FAFSA on the Web, the student can also override the reject by verifying the information they have entered.

Reject codes and reasons, and their associated SAR comment codes, are listed here. If a student is rejected for more than one reason, the reject codes will appear in the FAA Information Box in priority order. The resolution for a rejected SAR is always the responsibility of the student, not the institution, and the SAR comment generated by the reject explains what action the student must take.

<b>Reject Code</b>	<b>Reject Reason</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Comment Code</b>
A	Date of birth year equals 1900, 1901 or 1902	Verify or correct the Date of Birth	N/A
B	Independent student and date of birth equals 09/01/85 or greater, and date of birth is not equal to or greater than current year.	Verify or correct the Date of Birth	N/A
C	Taxes paid equal Adjusted Gross Income	Verify or correct Taxes paid	N/A
N	Missing first or last name	Verify or correct the student's last name or first name.	080
P	Invalid SSN range	Verify or correct the student's current SSN	023

W	Questionable number of family members, greater than 15.	If the student is dependent, verify or correct Parents' Number of Family Members.  If the student is independent, verify or correct Student's Number of Family Members.	N/A
1	Simplified needs test is not met and all asset data are blank.	If the student is dependent, provide the following: Parents' Cash, Savings, and Checking; Parents' Real Estate/Investment Net Worth and Parents' Business/Investment Farm Net Worth. If the student is independent, provide the following: Student's Cash, Savings and Checking; Student's Real Estate/Investment Net Worth and Student's Business/Investment Farm Net Worth.	N/A
2	Incomplete Application or Renewal Application	If the student is dependent, provide parents' taxed and untaxed income.  If the student is independent, provide student and spouse (if married) taxed and untaxed income.	N/A
5	Missing or invalid Date of Birth	Correct the Date of Birth	N/A
8	SSN match with Date of Death	Contact the Social Security Administration. The Social Security Number (SSN) on this transaction belongs to a deceased person according to the Social Security Administration.	145
10	Missing marital status and household size	If the student is dependent, review and correct Parents' Marital Status and Parents' Number of Family Members.  If the student is independent, review and correct Student's Marital Status and Student's Number of Family Members.	N/A
11	Marital Status inconsistent with reported incomes	If the student is dependent, review and correct Parents' Marital Status plus Father's/Stepfather's Income From Work and Mother's/Stepmother's Income From Work.  If the student is independent, review and correct Student's Marital Status plus Student's Income Earned From Work and Spouse's Income Earned From Work.	089, 099

13	Missing Name	Provide the following: Student's Last Name and/or Student's First Name; Or verify a blank first or last name field if the student actually has only one name.	082
14	Missing student signature on paper application or SAR	Signature correction can be made on a printed Student Aid Report certification page and pages 5-8 of SAR must be resubmitted to the FAFSA Processor. Signature may also be corrected at the school on EDEXpress or on the Web with a PIN.	160
15	Missing parent signature on application or SAR	Signature correction can be made on a printed Student Aid Report certification page and pages 5-8 of SAR must be resubmitted to the FAFSA Processor. Signature may also be corrected at the school on EDEXpress, on the Web with a PIN or on the appropriate Web signature page that has been printed and sent to the FAFSA Processor.	108
16	Missing student signature on FAFSA EXPRESS, FAFSA on the Web, or Renewal on the Web Application	Signature may be corrected at the school on EDEXpress, on the Web with a PIN or on the appropriate Web signature page that has been printed and sent to the FAFSA Processor. Signature correction can also be made on a printed Student Aid Report certification page and pages 5-8 of SAR must be resubmitted to the FAFSA Processor.	110
17	Unknown citizenship status or student is not an U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen	Review and/or correct Citizenship Status	068
18	SSN not on Social Security Administration's database	Correct the Social Security Number, or contact the Social Security Administration for further assistance	024, 062
19	An EFC cannot be calculated because the Department of Education has placed a Verification Hold or Drug Abuse Hold on the student.	Comment 008, student needs to call 202-708-4766.  Comment 009, student needs to call 202-708-6719.	008, 009