

<u>Attorney General Doug Peterson</u> <u>News Release</u>

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Attorney General Doug Peterson Announces Outreach Effort to Nebraskans who Qualify for Student Loan Forgiveness

Forgiveness applies to eligible students who attended Corinthian Colleges, including Everest, WyoTech, and Heald College

Lincoln - Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson today announced that his office would begin outreach to connect with Nebraskans who may qualify for complete discharge of their federal student loans. Students who attended a program at Corinthian Colleges, including Everest, WyoTech, and Heald College online or on-campus programs, may be eligible for complete forgiveness of their federal student loans under a program run by the US Department of Education. Approximately 380 Nebraskans may still be eligible for loan forgiveness. The amount forgiven regarding those students is to be determined. Students need only fill out a simple attestation form in order to apply.

In early 2015, following enforcement actions by the federal government and other authorities, Corinthian Colleges, Inc., sold most of its schools and later closed the remaining ones. After an investigation, the Department of Education found that between 2010 and 2014, Heald, WyoTech, and Everest Colleges misrepresented job placement rates for many programs of study. These misrepresentations allow students to assert a defense to repayment claim and, thereby, have their loans forgiven.

Nebraska students who may be eligible for relief should call the Nebraska Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division at 800-727-6432 for help in determining eligibility and submitting applications for a borrower defense to repayment claim. In the coming weeks, the Attorney General's Office will also reach out to former Corinthian students via email, letter, and by phone to encourage students to apply for debt relief. Students may also apply by visiting the US Department of Education's website at the links below.

FORMER HEALD STUDENTS

Check to see if your program of study and dates of enrollment are on the list: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/heald-findings.pdf</u>

If your program of study and dates of enrollment are on the above list, submit an application for a borrower defense to repayment:

- Online: <u>Click here to access the online attestation form</u>
- Email: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/heald-attestation-form.pdf</u> and email it to the Department of Education at FSAOperations@ed.gov
- Mail: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/heald-attestation-form.pdf</u> and mail to "Department of Education, P.O. BOX 194407, San Francisco, CA 94119"

FORMER WYOTECH AND EVEREST STUDENTS

Check to see if your program of study and dates of enrollment are on the list: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/ev-wy-findings.pdf</u>

If your program of study and dates of enrollment are on the above list, submit an application for a borrower defense to repayment:

- Online: <u>Click here to access the online attestation form</u>
- Email: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/ev-wy-attestation-form.pdf</u> and email it to the Department of Education at FSAOperations@ed.gov
- Mail: <u>https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/ev-wy-attestation-form.pdf</u> and mail to "Department of Education, P.O. BOX 194407, San Francisco, CA 94119."

To obtain information about how to protect yourself as a consumer, file a consumer complaint, or report a scam, please visit the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division website at <u>www.protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov</u> or call (800) 727-6432.