

**283—28.2(261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

“*Commission*” means the Iowa college student aid commission.

“*Department*” means the Iowa department of education.

“*Eligible school or agency*” means a public school district, area education agency, charter school, and accredited nonpublic school recognized and approved by the department.

“*Eligible student loan*” means a recipient’s total subsidized, unsubsidized, and consolidated Federal Stafford Loan amount under the Federal Family Education Loan Program, Federal Direct Loan Program, federal Graduate PLUS Loan, or federal Perkins Loan, including principal and interest. Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay an eligible subsidized or unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan qualifies as an eligible student loan.

“*Eligible teaching field*” means hard-to-staff subjects as identified by the director of the department. In selecting hard-to-staff subjects, the department shall consider the varying regional needs in the state.

“*Preparation program*” means the programs of practitioner preparation leading to licensure of teachers, administrators, and other professional school personnel.

“*Teacher*” means an individual who holds a practitioner’s license or a statement of professional recognition issued under Iowa Code chapter 272 and who is employed in a nonadministrative position by a school district or area education agency pursuant to a contract issued by a board of directors under Iowa Code section 279.13. “Teacher” also includes a preschool teacher who is licensed by the board of educational examiners under Iowa Code chapter 272 and is employed by an eligible school or agency.

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