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## Converting to the 2020 CIP Codes FAQs

**When is the best time for our institution to convert to the 2020 CIP Codes?**

The Clearinghouse released phase II of our CIP 2020 enhancement on February 27, 2021. We can now accept CIP Codes from the Unchanged, Moved, Deleted and New categories in the NCES 2020 CIP Code Lookup table for new as well as existing students at your institution. **You can update to the 2020 CIP code values at your convenience. Please note: NSLDS and FSA have not issued a formal deadline for this transition, although the 2020 NCES Look-Up Table values continue to be required for COD (Common Origination & Disbursement) and financial aid reporting.**

**When will the Clearinghouse be able to accept 2020 CIP Codes?**

With the release of phase II of the CIP 2020 enhancement, the Clearinghouse can now accept CIP codes from all categories in the **2020 NCES Lookup Table, including those in the NEW, MOVED, and DELETED CIP Code categories** for new as well as existing students at your institution.

**When should I expect to stop seeing Clearinghouse errors associated with the 2020 CIP Codes?**

Error 1700 Series is flagged when a Moved or Deleted CIP Code is reported on Enrollment Reporting. With the implementation of Phase II of the CIP 2020 Enhancement, the Clearinghouse can now accept CIP codes that fall into the NCES 2020 Lookup Table categories of **NEW, MOVED, and DELETED CIP Codes**. As such, once your institution converts to the 2020 CIP Codes in your enrollment reporting to the Clearinghouse, you should no longer see these errors flagged on your Error Resolution on the Web (ERW) page. NOTE: Your institution will see a new warning code, 1900, which identifies those records that have been converted from the 2010 CIP to 2020 CIP values. For more information, watch our [Error Code 1900 tutorial](#).

**How do I find the 2010 equivalent of my student's 2020 program?**

Visit the [IPEDs CIP Codes page](#) to determine if a 2010 crosswalk or equivalent is available for your student's 2020 program. If you cannot find a 2010 equivalent for a 2020 program, please contact us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org) for assistance.

**How will the Clearinghouse link the 2010 values I report to their 2020 equivalents and what will this mean for the student's enrollment history at the Clearinghouse and NSLDS?**

Upon receipt of a 2020 MOVED or DELETED CIP Code from your institution, the Clearinghouse will link it to the equivalent 2010 NCES Lookup Table value. A new warning code, 1900, will be logged for students with linked programs and the list of students

displayed for your review and approval. You can also access an audit trail of the program linkages by downloading the Error Resolution on the Web report prior to working or resolving any errors or warnings within your submission ([watch our tutorial](#) to learn how this report works). Once the linkage between the 2010 and 2020 CIP codes has been established, the Clearinghouse will report it to NSLDS as a 004 record. This functionality was released on February 27, 2021, along with the rest of the features in our Phase II CIP 2020 enhancement.

Per [NSLDS Newsletter 68](#), the **004 Record Type** will notify NSLDS to link the 2010 and 2020 CIP Code values for MOVED and DELETED CIP codes within NSLDS. The historical program information for the student from the old CIP code value will be moved to the new value without your having to report a “W” (Withdrawn) or “X” (Never Attended) status.

After our Phase III deployment, you will also be able to change other program identifiers on records that require correction, including CIP Codes, via the Error Resolution Report and Student Look-Up tab on our secure site. Program identifier changes will also be reported to NSLDS as a 004 record, which will prompt the enrollment history to be moved from the old program to the new one. For more on our CIP 2020 enhancement, see our [Compliance Central blog](#). Don't forget to subscribe to receive alerts as updates are posted.

**What are the considerations for converting to 2020 CIP Codes during a term or at the beginning of a term?**

*During a term:*

- If your institution doesn't report the 2020 CIP Codes on a standard file submitted during a term (Subsequent-of-Term submission), the equivalent 2010 CIP Code, if eligible, could be treated as an unreported program and an error 1568 logged. For errors 1568 that have been logged due to a missing 2010 CIP Code, you can update the program status to open or close. If you wish to leave the program in an open status and change the 2010 CIP Code to it is mapped 2020 value, you will need to reach out to us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org).
- Similarly, any unreported students flagged with an error 208 could trigger program error 1701, if the unreported student's record has a 2010 CIP Code submitted with an open status. To resolve an error 1701 series flagged on an unreported student, please contact us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org).

*Beginning of the term:*

- If your institution doesn't report the 2020 CIP Code on a standard file submitted at the start of a term (First-of-Term submission), the equivalent 2010 CIP Code if eligible, could be treated as an unreported program and the program's status updated to “Withdrawn.” The program will not be reported out as an 004 record.
- For unreported students on a First-of-Term submission, the missing student and all open programs in the student's record will be updated to a “Withdrawn” status. No errors will be flagged in this case.

- If an error 214 is flagged for an unreported student on a First-of-Term submission and you wish to leave the 2010 CIP Code in an open status, please contact us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org).

### What is Clearinghouse warning code 1900?

With the recent release of phase II of our CIP 2020 enhancement, the Clearinghouse will flag a warning code 1900 for students with 2010 and 2020 CIP Codes linked per the crosswalk published by NCES. This will enable you to review the list of students on our Error Resolution on the Web application. For audit tracking purposes, you can also download an excel spreadsheet of students with warning 1900 ([our tutorial shows you how](#)). For more information on acknowledging warning 1900, [watch our tutorial](#).

### Our financial aid office already reported 2020 CIP Codes to NSLDS and now I am getting NSLDS/SSCR Error Code 82s, what do I do?

Typically, NSLDS SSCR error code 82 occurs when your financial aid office reports 2020 CIP Codes to NSLDS, but the enrollment file you report to the Clearinghouse still contains 2010 CIP Codes. Error Code 82s should resolve once your institution begins reporting 2020 CIP Codes to the Clearinghouse.

In the meantime, you can certify the student's record directly with NSLDS. However, you should be aware that this could cause NSLDS SSCR Error Code 32. Error Code 32 can occur when the Clearinghouse responds to 2010 CIP Code information on your roster with a certification date older than the 2020 CIP Code information provided to NSLDS. Once the Clearinghouse receives the 2020 CIP Code information and updated certification date for these records, the NSLDS SSCR errors should resolve.

The Clearinghouse recently released an enhancement to ensure all unchanged CIP Codes are reported to NSLDS with a 2020 CIP year. This enhancement should prevent and resolve NSLDS SSCR Error Code 82s for students whose CIP Codes have not changed.

For more information on NSLDS SSCR error codes, see our [Error Descriptions](#) and [FAQs](#). If you have questions regarding Error Code 82 or any other NSLDS SSCR error, please contact us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org).

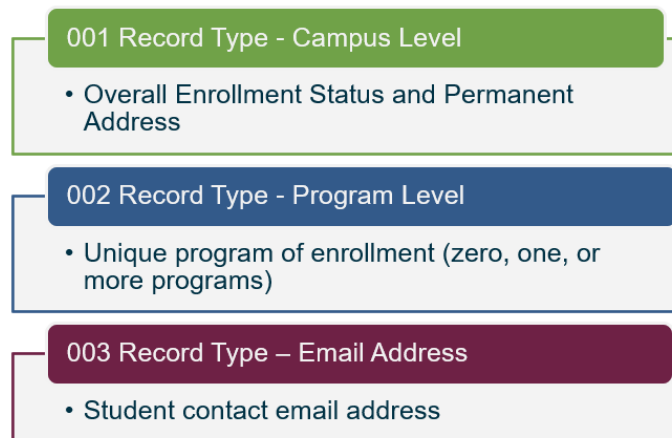
### Are there different fields for CIP Code and CIP Year?

Yes, there are different dedicated fields for CIP Code and CIP Year. See the [updated Enrollment Reporting Guide](#) that NSLDS published in November 2020.

The new NSLDS guide cites CIP Year as one of the unique criteria for identifying an enrollment program. If the CIP Code did not change from CIP Year 2010 to CIP Year 2020 and your institution has begun reporting CIP Year 2020 values to the Clearinghouse, you can enter 2020 in the CIP Year field instead of 2010. If we do not receive 2020 in the CIP Year field, we will auto-remediate the CIP Year for your convenience.

The enrollment reporting record is a “bundle” concept for the 150% Direct Loan Limit Regulations. For each student reported to the Clearinghouse, the bundle includes record types 001, 002, and 003:

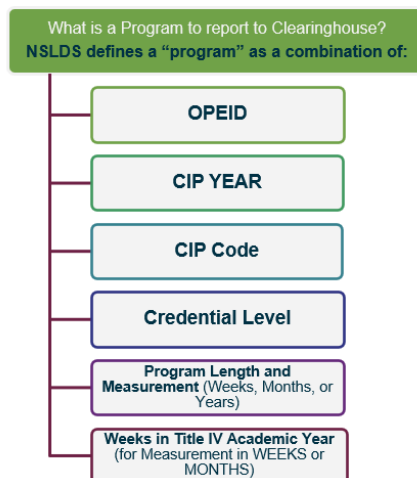
## Compliance Enrollment Reporting Record “Bundled” Record NSLDS Compliance



The 002 record type covers zero to one or more programs. Up to six unique programs can be reported for each student. The criteria for each unique program are:

## Compliance Enrollment Reporting Record

### 002 Record Type - Program Level



**Can I continue to report 2010 values to the Clearinghouse for enrollment reporting if my financial aid office is reporting 2020 values to the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System for financial aid processing?**

NSLDS continues to accept 2010 values. Per the 2020 FSA Training Conference Session 4, "[Federal Update & Coming Attractions](#) (slide 37): "2010 CIP Codes may be reported until school is prepared to report new CIP Codes."

**Will the 2020 CIP Codes impact our institution's NSLDS enrollment reporting statistics score? What if we have not converted to them yet?**

It depends on whether the new aid disbursement within COD reflects 2020 values for continuously enrolled students whose CIP Code year value changed between 2010 and 2020. This varies from institution to institution. Converting to the 2020 values is unlikely to impact your NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Statistics score unless you receive SSCR error code 82s related to CIP Year 2020. If you receive SSCR error code 82s and have questions, please contact us at [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org).

**My school is seeing SSCR error codes 80, 81, and/or 82 associated with the CIP2020 codes. How do I resolve these through the Clearinghouse?**

As part of phase III of our CIP 2020 enhancement, we plan to incorporate functionality to enable schools to correct SSCR error codes 80, 81, and 82 through our SSCR error correction application. In the interim, you can contact us at [auditresource@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:auditresource@studentclearinghouse.org) or [schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:schoolops@studentclearinghouse.org) for assistance with instances of these specific error codes.

**Can I submit duplicate MOVED CIP Codes in a single submission for students?**

No, please do not report duplicates for the MOVED CIP Codes on a single submission as this could cause NSLDS SSCR error codes 80 and 81.

**Can I continue to expect a mid-month NSLDS SSCR Roster Response with the roll out of phase II?**

No. The phase II release of our enhancement includes a procedural change that will occur in the event an institution requests enrollment be pushed to NSLDS between its monthly roster distributions. This replaces the mid-month Roster Response process.

Schools that report enrollment reflecting CIP2020 values will now be required to request a new SSCR roster distribution from NSLDS for all roster re-process requests. This change prevents SSCR error codes 80 and 81, which could occur if NSLDS has received another 004 Record Type for the same unique program.

The Clearinghouse is actively working with FSA and NSLDS on a long-term solution that will minimize any additional work this process requires from institutions.

What resources are available to help my institution convert to the 2020 CIP Codes?

- [NCES crosswalk](#)
- Clearinghouse Compliance Central blog post: [“November Compliance Updates: New NSLDS Enrollment Reporting Guide and the Latest on Our CIP 2020 Enhancement”](#)
- [Clearinghouse CIP Year 2020 webinar recording](#)
- [NSLDS November 2020 Enrollment Reporting Guide](#)
- [NSLDS November 2020 Appendices](#)
- Compliance Central:
  - [Phase II of Clearinghouse’s CIP 2020 Enhancement Is Here!](#)
  - [November Updates: New NSLDS Guide & Our CIP 2020 Enhancement](#)
  - [Phase I of Clearinghouse’s CIP 2020 Enhancement Released](#)
- Federal Student Aid: [IFAP: nsldsnewsletter68](#)