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# APPLICATION PROCESSING AND ISIR SUPPORT FOR THE 2024 - 2025 AWARD YEAR

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## APPLICATION PROCESSING AND ISIR SUPPORT FOR 2024 - 2025 AWARD YEAR

#### Benefit

The US Department of Education, particularly the FSA (Federal Student Aid) office, underwent a significant overhaul concerning how students apply for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA® has seen significant changes, making it easier for students to apply for Federal Aid and better connections to real-time information, such as IRS data beginning the 2024-2025 Award Year.

The changes student applicants can see (on the <u>FAFSA website</u>) bring significant changes to how aid is processed on the "back end" for institutions that administer students' aid.

This feature updates the CAMS application with essential changes that must be complied with for students to receive and use Federal Student Aid to pay for attending your institution. THE FSA office has introduced new terminology you may not be familiar with. Please visit this page for more details.

#### Overview

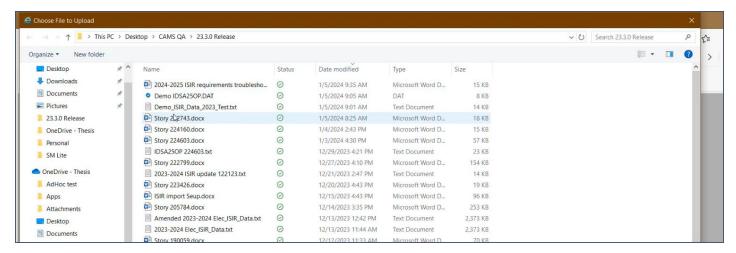
The Institution's Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) can now import 2024-2025 ISIR files received from the Department of Education and use them as part of the packaging process.

Significant changes in CAMs have occurred to this Award Year's file, including:

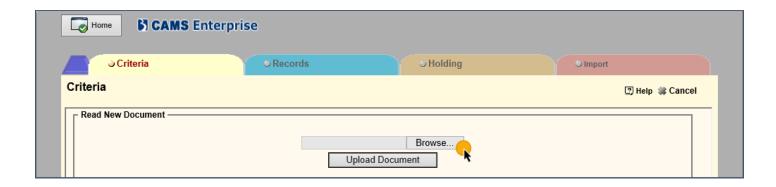
#### Tools > Import > Financial Aid > ISIR Direct changes

#### Criteria Tab

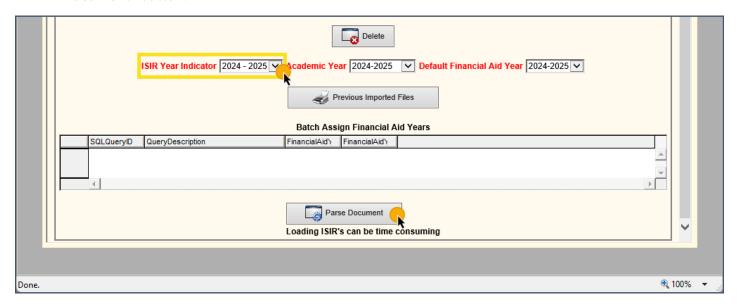
• Importing ISIR files will no longer require a UNC path. Institutions may store the files more conveniently now. Below is an example:







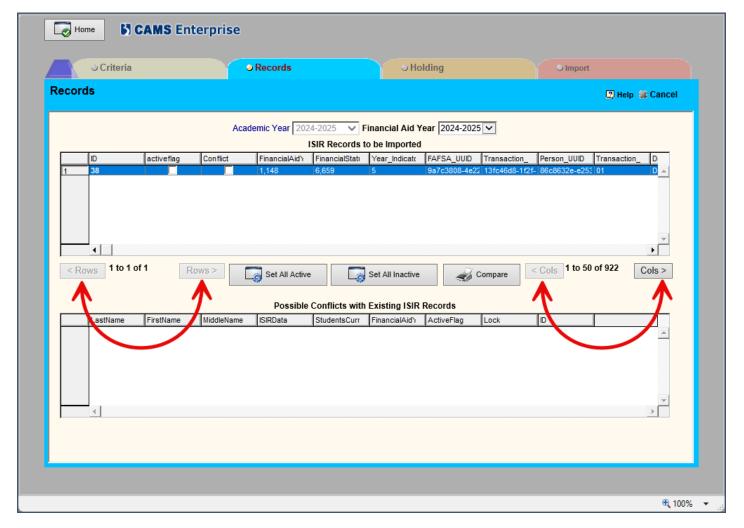
• *Important:* Set the correct ISIR Year Indicator and Academic Year before clicking the "Parse Document" button.





#### Records Tab

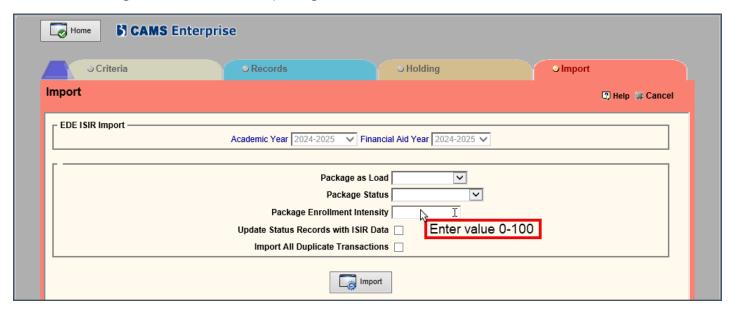
- ISIR data on the Records tab will only show a section of the data "columns."
  - o Using the "Cols" button, FAAs can navigate 50 columns at a time through additional fields.
  - o The same applies to multiple rows using the "Rows" buttons.





#### Import Tab

- FAAs will notice a change on the Import tab for 2024-2025.
- A "Package Enrollment Intensity" field will appear under "Package Status." Enter a percentage value of 0 to 100. Do not enter a percent sign.
  - o The field operates similarly to the Package as load value does, allowing students without registered courses to be packaged.



#### Financial Aid > Maintenance

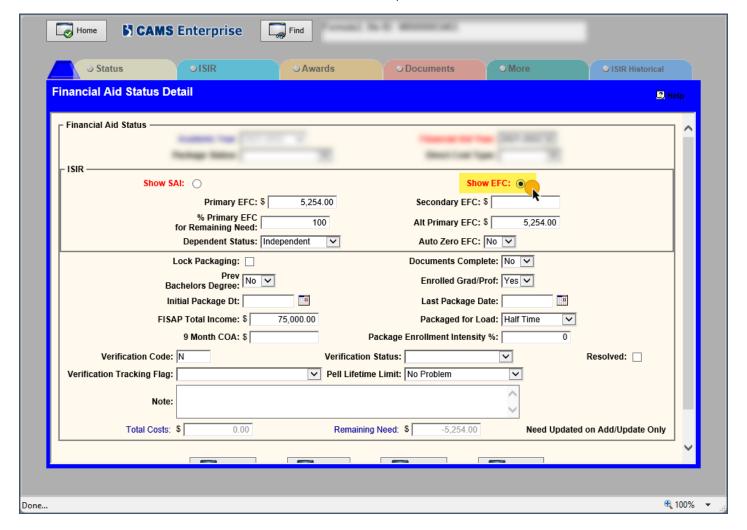
#### Status Detail Tab

- ° On the Financial Aid Status Details tab, SAI will be the defaulted eligibility index displayed.
  - o EFC is no longer calculated for 2024-2025 ISIRs (and beyond) nor used in determining Awards.
  - o The Package Enrollment Intensity and other fields will populate once the ISIR is imported and marked "Active." Note that all ISIRs can be marked "Active" at once on the Records tab.



#### Show EFC

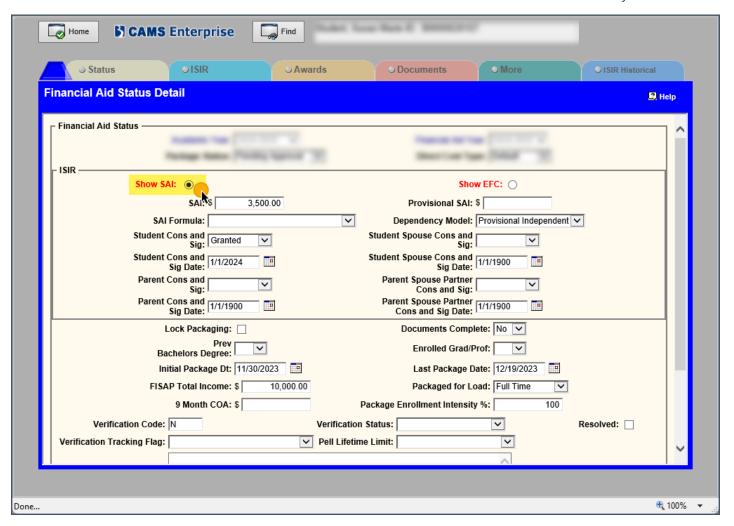
- ° EFC is no longer calculated for 2024-2025 ISIRs (and beyond) nor used in determining Awards.
- ° This screenshot shows how the ISIR section looks pre-2024-2025:





#### Show SAI

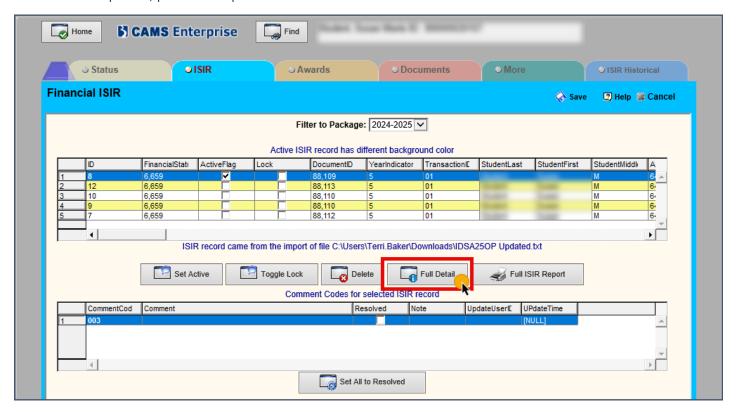
- ° SAI and other fields will populate once the "Active" ISIR is imported
- SAI will be the defaulted eligibility index displayed.
- ° For Pell award purposes,
  - o If a student's SAI value imported via an ISIR import is less than zero, packaging functionality for a student's award/s assumes the value as zero. (The SAI will not present as 0.00- it will be the actual value from the file.
  - o Negative SAI values can help determine other awards as it shows the students with the most financial need.
- ° This screenshot shows how the ISIR section looks in the 2024-2025 Award Year and beyond:





#### ISIR Tab

- Due to the considerable changes in the ISIR data layout, access the 2024-2025 Award Year and newer ISIR files via the ISIR tab.
- Filter by year to find an ISIR record.
- The Full ISIR Report button is unavailable today as the FSA has not published guidance on the print layout. To print the ISIR, click the Full Detail button.
- Once opened, print the report.





ISIR Full Detail		
Field Name	Value	
DocumentID	88109	
Year_Indicator	5	
FAFSA_UUID	71f99bd5-8428-4ea2-8b9€ 4f57429b42f6	
Transaction_UUID	bc3a35cf-8eb7-4d45-9e7e 3fc75fb277e7	
Person_UUID	71a0a83c-ed25-4bd9-b8ei 97a4642438a2	
Transaction_Number	01	
Dependency_Model	Provisional Independent	
Application_Source	Online FAFSA	
Application_Receipt_Date	1/1/2024	
Transaction_Source	Online FAFSA	
Transaction_Type	Application	
Transaction_Language	English	
Transaction_Receipt_Date	1/1/2024	
Transaction_Process_Date	1/1/2024	
Transaction_Status	Processed with Action Rec	
Renewal_Data_Used		
FPS_Correction_Reason		
SAI_Change_Flag		
SAI		
Provisional_SAI	4788	
SAI_Formula	Independent without Depe	
SAI_Computation_Type		
Max_Pell_Indicator		
Minimum_Pell_Indicator		

- As stated in the May 12, 2023, FSA electronic announcement<sup>1</sup>, the CAMS software must comply with the regulations; therefore, searching for "FTIM\_FTI\_Label" in the report will produce two hits. One is for the beginning tag, and one is for the ending tag.
- Following any other guidelines when reviewing sensitive tax information at institutions is crucial.

FTI is categorized as CUI//SP-TAX and may contain sensitive PII. Accordingly, all FTI must be handled—at minimum—in accordance with the confidentiality protections of Section 6103(l)(13) of the IRC and in accordance with all applicable privacy laws, regulations, and policies.

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has established a CUI Registry that serves as the authoritative reference for all CUI category markings. FTI is a category of CUI and is

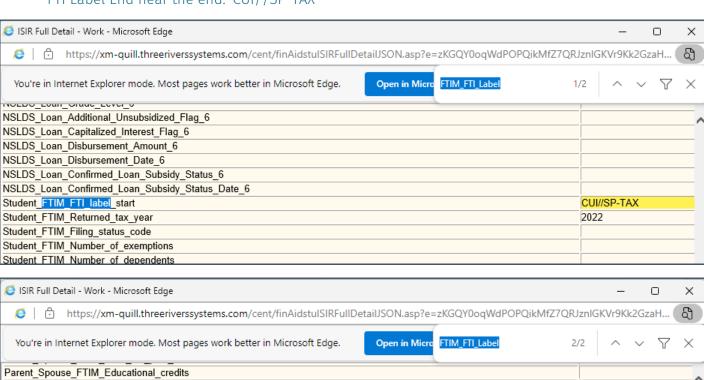
¹ https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2023-05-12/access-and-use-federal-tax-information-fti-federal-student-aid-programs-beginning-2024-25-fafsa-processing-cycle#:~:text=Labelling%20Federal%20Tax%20Information%20as%20Controlled%20Unclassified%20Information

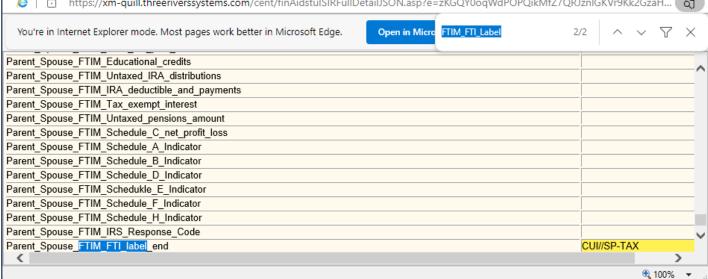


required to have a banner marking the information as CUI. A federal aid applicant's ISIR will include two (2) FTI label fields:

#### FTI Label Start at the beginning: 'CUI//SP-TAX'

FTI Label End near the end: 'CUI//SP-TAX'

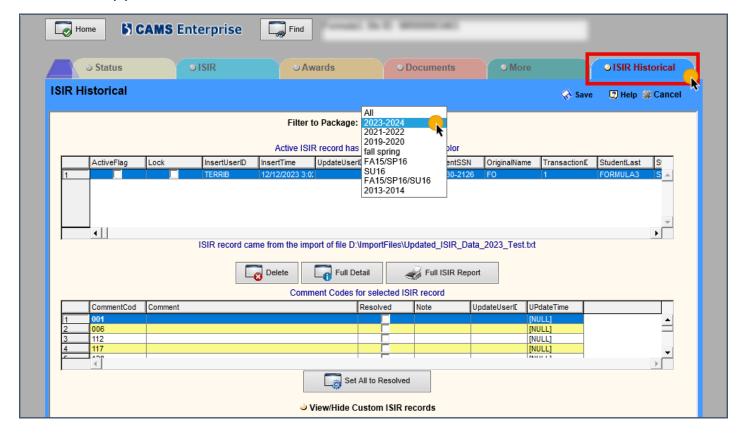






#### ISIR Historical Tab

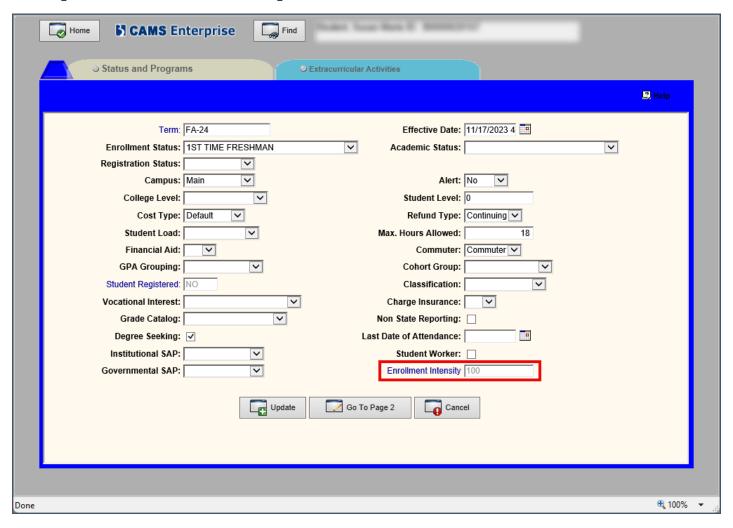
- Due to the considerable changes in the ISIR data layout, access older ISIR files (pre-2024-2025) via a new ISIR Historical tab.
- Filter by year to find an ISIR record.





#### Registration > Academic > Status changes

• Enrollment Intensity is a new view-only field on the Student Status Detail screen. It is system-generated and used in calculating new Pell awards.



#### Financial Aid > Packaging > Prioritized > Award Methodology Changes

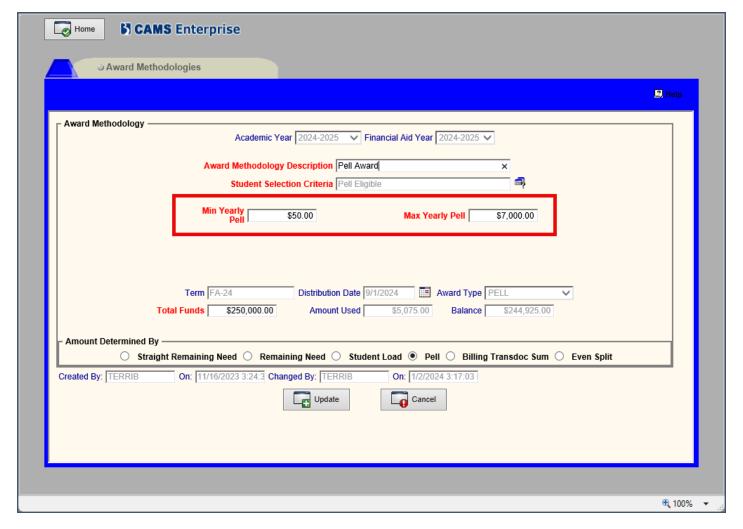
#### Award section

- Another notable change FAAs will notice is that the FSA will no longer publish PELL tables; therefore, the Award Methodology screen for Pell includes two new fields to enter PELL Yearly minimum and maximum amounts:
  - o Min Yearly Pell
  - Max Yearly Pell



**Reminder:** when the typical time comes, users will NOT need to import Pell tables into CAMs.

- o Financial Aid > Setup > Load Pell
- o A future release will remove the Import Pell table feature, which is currently available but unnecessary.
- o Only use it to import a prior year's table.



#### Major/Minor section

- Due to processes no longer being able to rely on Pell tables after 2023-2024, CAMS will need
  additional information to perform the calculation. Therefore, FAAs will see a field called
  Instructional Time (WKS).
  - o It should represent the instructional time for the term in weeks.
  - o This field must contain a value for the system to calculate the award correctly.



- Take note of the SQL calculation on the screen. That is technically showing the Pell calculation.
- Think of it in terms of this:

#### Scheduled Award:

= Maximum Pell Award – SAI (rounded to the nearest 5)

#### Then

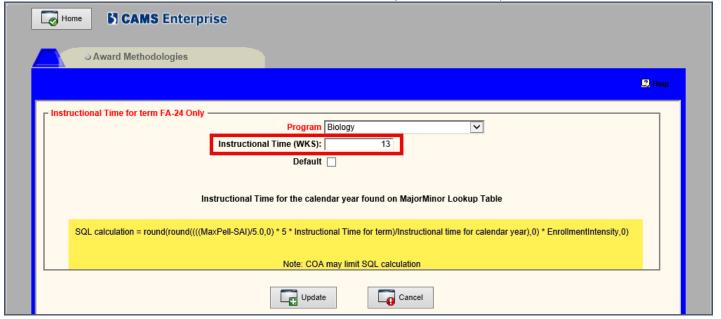
Full-time Enrollment disbursement schedule:

= Scheduled Award / amount of quarters/terms/semesters

#### OR

Less than Full-time Enrollment disbursement schedule:

= (Scheduled Award \* Enrollment Intensity) / amount of quarters/terms/semesters

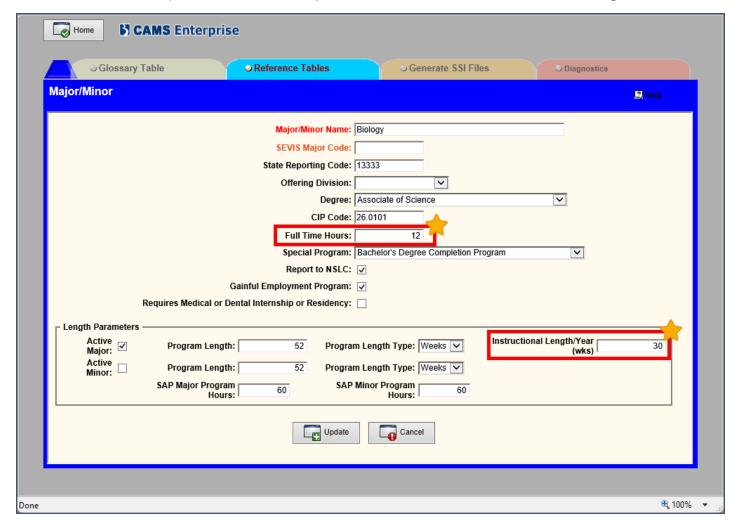




#### CAMS Manager > Lookup Table Options > Table Maintenance

#### References Tables tab

- Administrators will see a field called Instructional Length/Year (wks.') for each Program.
- This field must be configured, along with the Program's Full Time Hours
- As noted in the prior screenshot, the system looks for these values when calculating Pell.



#### Financial Aid > Packaging > Prioritized > Packaging Criteria

#### Advanced Criteria Entry

- 2024-2025 ISIRs is in JSON format. This information is vital for those accessing the Advanced query function for Prioritized Packaging. The queries developed in the past may no longer work.
- Below is an example of a query to run for Pell Eligible awards.



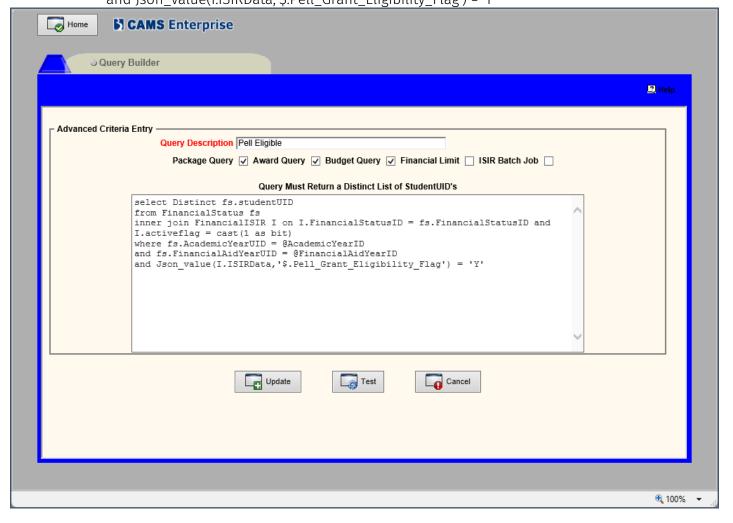
• Copy of the text in the screenshot:

select Distinct fs.studentUID

from FinancialStatus fs

inner join FinancialISIR I on I.FinancialStatusID = fs.FinancialStatusID and I.activeflag = cast(1 as bit)

where fs.AcademicYearUID = @AcademicYearID and fs.FinancialAidYearUID = @FinancialAidYearID and Json\_value(I.ISIRData,'\$.Pell\_Grant\_Eligibility\_Flag') = 'Y'

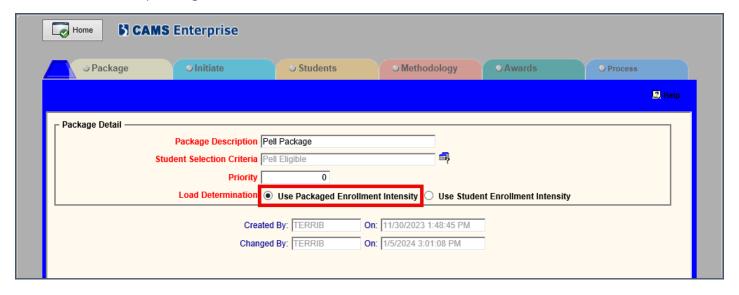




#### Financial Aid > Packaging > Prioritized > Package

#### Package Tab

- The labels for the Load Determination selectors have changed.
- The Packaged Enrollment Intensity is equivalent to the Package as Load value.
  - Note: The label for the Packaged Enrollment Intensity field does not change based on the Academic Year (which means for the remainder of the 2023-2024 award year, use the Use Packaged Enrollment Intensity field as though it is the Packaged as Load field.)
  - o CAMS will know which load to use based on the Award Year.
  - o It is system-generated and will be used to calculate new Pell awards.





### Key websites

Title	Link
FAFSA Simplification Information	https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/fafsa-simplification- information
FAFSA Application	https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
FSA Key Terms	https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic- announcements/2023-08-07/key-terms-definitions-and-systems-related-fafsa- simplification-and-future-acts-updated-aug-25-2023
(2024-2025) FAFSA Simplification Act Changes (DCL)	https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/dear-colleague- letters/2023-08-04/fafsa-simplification-act-changes-implementation-2024-25
FAFSA Simplification Questions and Answers	https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/reg/hearulemaking/2009/fafsa-q-and-a.html
2024–25 FAFSA Open Issue Alerts	https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/fafsa-simplification-information/2024-25-fafsa-issue-alerts
2024–25 FAFSA Updates (During the soft launch period)	https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/fafsa-simplification- information/2024-25-fafsa-updates#mostcurrentupdate

