## **Problem Making a Payment?**

If you're having trouble making payments, don't ignore your loans. Your lender may offer several options that can help keep your loans in good standing, even if your finances are tight.

## 4 Ways You Can Keep on Track with Loan Payments

- 1. **Change your payment due date.** If you are having trouble making your payments on the due date that was issued by your servicer, you can, <u>contact your loan servicer</u> and ask whether you'd be able to switch the date your student loan payment is due.
- 2. Change your payment plan. If you have trouble making payments because of income there are other payment options based on your income and/ or family size. What you ultimately pay depends on the plan you choose and when you borrowed. If you need lower monthly payments, consider an <u>income-driven repayment plan</u> that'll base your monthly payment amount on how much you make.
- 3. **Consolidate your loans**. If you have multiple student loans, simplify the repayment process with a <u>Direct Consolidation Loan</u>—allowing you to combine all your federal student loans into one loan for one monthly payment.
- 4. If the options above don't work for you and you simply can't make any payments right now, you might be eligible to postpone your payments through a <u>deferment or forbearance</u>. However, depending on the type of loan you have, interest may still accrue (accumulate) on your loan during the time you're not making payments.

## **Contact your servicer(s) to:**

- Learn your account number and monthly payment
- Set up your online account
- Enroll in automatic payment
- Update your contact information



My servicer is:		Accor	unt#
Due Date:		Monthly F	Payment \$
	□Online Account	☐Auto Payment	☐ Monthly Payment
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