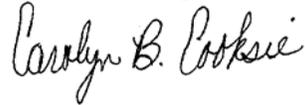


For: State and County Offices

Additional Guidance on *Pigford* Claimants With Past Debt Forgiveness

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The National Office has received questions about determining if a *Pigford* claimant's prior debt forgiveness will be considered in making an eligibility determination.

Notice FLP-460, subparagraph 3 H provided:

- guidance to State and County Offices in evaluating creditworthiness for applicants who received prior debt forgiveness
- exceptions to the debt forgiveness limitations.

Note: The exceptions in Notice FLP-460, subparagraph 3 H apply to prevailing Claimants whose rights to priority consideration have expired. Expiration dates can be found in the Automated Discrepancy Processing System's prevailing claimant's database.

B Purpose

This notice provides further guidance on prevailing claimants to State and County Offices.

2 Actions

A State and County Office Responsibilities

State Offices will contact the National Office for guidance. Requests shall include the applicant's name, claim number, and a brief explanation of the applicant's situation.

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2 Actions (Continued)

A State and County Office Responsibilities (Continued)

County Offices will contact the State Office for guidance **before** making an adverse eligibility decision on any application from a prevailing claimant, when prior debt forgiveness is the basis for the adverse decision.

B Contact

Direct questions about this notice to Ann Smith, LMD, at ann.smith@wdc.usda.gov.