

# What's new for the FAFSA for 2017-18?

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Income reported on FAFSA will be from the prior-prior year (PPY), which means you'll use 2015 tax information for the 2017-18 school year

Families must use 2015 tax information for 2017-18 unless special circumstances are approved by your university





# Why the change?

Gives you more time to complete your FAFSA and makes the process easier and less stressful

No need to guess or estimate your tax information (you can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool immediately)

Timing aligns better with admission processes for many schools





# What do I still need to do?

Get an FSA ID at [studentaid.gov/finaid](https://studentaid.gov/finaid)  
(students and parents)

For many questions on the FAFSA, you must report “as of today,” which means the actual day your FAFSA is completed

File the FAFSA as soon as possible

List all the schools you are considering on the FAFSA (however, most schools won’t send aid notifications until you are admitted)

Check with schools on admission and scholarship deadlines





# What else should I know?

Early aid offers may be estimates  
(official offers will likely be sent in  
spring of 2017)

Federal Pell charts are not official  
until early 2017

Individual school priority deadlines  
will still vary





# Where can I get more help?

You can find PDF booklets and fact sheets, plus videos and infographics about the FAFSA, at *[studentaid.gov/resources](https://studentaid.gov/resources)*

You can contact UNC's Office of Financial Aid:

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