

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
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Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074-2653

**OK Notice FLP-438**

**For:** County Offices

**2-FLP**

**Interest Assistance Eligibility Letters**

Approved by: State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

**A Background**

This notice replaces OK Notice FLP-333 issued February 4, 2002.

2 FLP Part 9, Par 224 E states interest assistance is now limited per **loan applicant/borrower**, including entity members, to a maximum of ten (10) years from the date of the **first** FSA 1980-64, Interest Assistance Agreement, was executed.

**B Purpose**

This notice provides policy on notification to lenders of the Interest Assistance eligibility terms. Exhibit 1 of this notice is the letter to send to the FSA Guaranteed Lenders clarifying the Interest Assistance eligibility terms. Exhibit 2 of this notice is a letter to send to the FSA Guaranteed lenders verifying the interest assistance eligibility of an applicant/borrower.

**C Contact**

Direct any questions concerning this notice to Patty Wanger at (405) 742-1052 in the Oklahoma State Office.

**D Filing Instructions**

This notice should be filed with the FLP series Notices.

<b>Disposal Date</b>	<b>Distribution</b>
October 1, 2004	Farm Loan Program Teams, County Offices, DD's, COR's

**2 ACTION**

**A County Office Action**

Farm Loan Teams are to ensure that **ALL** lenders are notified of the interest assistance eligibility terms, using Exhibit 1.

**NOTE:** Preferred Lenders (PLP) will be notified by the STO.

Farm Loan Teams are to ensure that before any applicant/borrower is considered for Interest Assistance, the lender has contacted the local FSA Office to determine the Interest Assistance term eligibility of the applicant/borrower. Farm Loan Teams are to determine the interest assistance eligibility of any applicant/borrower on all loan applications and restructuring requests as part of the eligibility process and as part of the application notification process and ensure that lenders are notified of the interest assistance eligibility, using Exhibit 2. Refer to OK Notice FLP-325 on instructions to determine the interest assistance term eligibility.

Exhibit 2, along with the VIEW Farm Loan Interest Assistance screen (VI screen), will be obtained for file documentation.

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EXHIBIT 1



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

October 27, 2003

Farm Service Agency

(County) FSA Office  
(Address)  
(City, State) (Zip)  
(Telephone)

(Insert Inside Address)

Dear (Insert Name):

The term of the interest assistance agreement **shall not** exceed 10 years from the date of the **FIRST** interest assistance agreement signed by the loan applicant, including entity members. The form, FSA 1980-64, "Interest Assistance Agreement," shall be approved for a term not in excess of 10 years minus the period of time since the first FSA 1980-64 was signed.

This would be applicable even if the applicant/borrower did not have loans for 10 consecutive years. An FSA 1980-64, signed in 1992, will reach maximum eligibility in 2002. This is a statutory requirement, and the 10 years cannot be exceeded. Any executed 1980-64 which exceeds the 10 years will **not** enable the borrower to receive Interest Assistance past the 10 years from the date the very first FSA 1980-64 was signed.

The applicant/borrower's Interest Assistance term eligibility shall be determined by FSA. Before a Lender can consider an applicant/borrower for Interest Assistance, they **must** contact the local FSA Office, to determine the Interest Assistance term eligibility of the applicant/borrower.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

(Insert Name)  
(Insert Title)

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EXHIBIT 2

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture



October 27, 2003

Farm Service Agency  
County) FSA Office  
Address)  
City, State) (Zip)  
Telephone)

(Insert Inside Address)

Dear (Insert Name):

The term of the Interest Assistance (IA) Agreement **shall not** exceed 10 years from the date of the **FIRST** interest assistance agreement signed by the loan applicant, including entity members. The form, FSA-1980-64, "Interest Assistance Agreement," shall be approved for a term not in excess of 10 years minus the period of time since the first FSA-1980-64 was signed.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has determined the term of Interest Assistance eligibility for the following applicant/borrower.

Applicant/Borrower Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Borrower Tax ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of First FSA, 1980-64, "Interest Assistant Agreement": \_\_\_\_\_

Interest Assistance Eligibility Term: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of IA Eligibility Term Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

Loan applicants can obtain Interest Assistance to achieve a feasible plan if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

(Insert Name)  
(Insert Title)