



## Student Loan Repayment Checklist for Graduates

| Step   | Note   | Done? |
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| Complete exit loan counseling                | Federal student loan borrowers are required to take this online course at <u>studentloans.gov</u> on repayment before graduation. If you have private loans, consult your lender and review their website.                                       |       |
| Make the most of your grace period           | Know the grace-period length for each of your student loans. Also, learn how much you owe and to which student loan servicers. Access <u>studentaid.gov</u> to find out.   |       |
| Review your repayment (and contingency) plan | You may only have one repayment plan option for private student loans. However, with federal loans, you could sign up for a repayment plan that limits your payments to a set percentage of your disposable income if you meet certain criteria. |       |
| Gain knowledge of repayment with Inceptia    | Visit Inceptia's moneyknowl.org for FREE information on loan repayment.  |       |
| Budget for loan payments                     | Whether you are employed or still looking for work, figure out how your loan payments will fit in with your other postgraduate expenses.   |       |
| Set up autopay                               | Sign up for automatic payments to score a reduction on your loans' interest rates.   |       |
| Track your credit score                      | Locate your credit score for free online using websites like creditkarma.com & freecreditscore.com. Start tracking its progress as you improve your debt-to-income ratio.  |       |
| Set a goal for your last payment             | Once you complete the first seven steps on the checklist, you're ready to set a long-term road map for paying off your education debt.   |       |