

False Certification Discharges for Wilfred Academy Students

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In August, a federal court approved a historic settlement in *Salazar v. DeVos* that could provide debt relief to as many as 60,000 students. Under the settlement, the Department and Guaranty Agencies are in the process of sending out notices and discharge applications to former students who attended “Wilfred Beauty Academy” (and related Wilfred schools) in the 1980s and 1990s. Wilfred had campuses in CA, CO, DC, FL, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, and TX. The Department is required to grant discharges for all borrowers who are eligible for a false certification ability-to-benefit discharge based on the application itself. But getting the word out to these borrowers, and helping them submit the applications, will be key to ensuring that as many as possible receive discharges.

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This webinar provided more information on the settlement, tools for borrower outreach, and explained to advocates how to assist Wilfred students in submitting their applications. Background information about the lawsuit, including key filings and the final settlement order, are available online.



Presentation attachments