

Student Loan processor tells 16,500 borrowers of data breach

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A student loan services company has notified 16,500 borrowers that files containing personal data were released to a business that wasn't authorized to receive them.

Access Group Education Lending says in a letter to those affected that the [data breach](#) happened on March 23 when one of its vendors sent out files—including borrowers' names, driver's license numbers and Social Security numbers—to another business.

Access Group told [borrowers](#) it learned of the release on March 28 and it was assured that the vendor who received the files deleted them and didn't retain copies.

In a statement Friday, Access Group said that exposure of any personal information was limited. Those affected are being offered a free year of credit monitoring.

According to its website, Access Group stopped making student loans in 2010.

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