

STUDENTS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES

Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study

Under the Canada Student Financial Assistance Regulations, permanent disability means:

“a functional limitation caused by a physical or mental impairment that restricts the ability of a person to perform the daily activities necessary to participate in studies at a post-secondary school level or the labour force and is expected to remain with the person for the person’s expected life.”

Grants

There are two additional grants available for students with permanent disabilities who qualify for assistance for full-time study:

- **Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PD):** Provides \$4,000 per academic year to help cover the costs of accommodation, tuition and books (grant amount subject to Parliament approval).
- **Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Student with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE):** Provides up to a maximum of \$20,000 per academic year to purchase education related services and assistive equipment which are not provided by your educational institution. Examples of eligible services and equipment include: tutors, note-takers, interpreters, readers and technical aids.

Required Steps to be Considered for the Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

When completing your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study, you must:

- self-identify as having a permanent disability on the application by answering yes to the question “Do you have a permanent disability?”;
- provide the required documentation listed below to Student Financial Services. The required forms are available at studentaid.gnb.ca.

- a) The Medical Assessment Form must be completed by a qualified medical practitioner (this form normally only has to be completed once).

If applying on the basis of a learning disability diagnosis, complete the required sections of the Medical Assessment Form and submit a copy of your Psychoeducational Assessment completed by a registered psychologist within five years of the date of your application (or completed when you were 18 years of age or older).



- b) The Request for Program Information Form must be completed by your educational institution to verify the amount of tuition, student fees and book costs associated with your course load. You can ask your educational institution to forward the completed form directly to Student Financial Services.

If you are experiencing difficulties in obtaining the required documentation, please contact Student Financial Services at 1-800-667-5626.

Required Steps to be Considered for the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

Once you have submitted your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study and you have been approved for funding as a student with a permanent disability, you may be eligible for **the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Student with Permanent Disabilities**. A separate application form, available at studentaid.gnb.ca, is required for this grant and you must provide all supporting documents as outlined on the application form.

If you did not qualify for federal funding when your Application for Student Financial Assistance for Full-Time Study was assessed, contact Student Financial Services for additional information regarding the eligibility for this grant.

Additional Supports

In addition to the grants, students with permanent disabilities are:

- considered a full-time student when taking at least 40% of a full-time course load;
- exempt from making the Fixed Student Contribution;
- exempt from the Periods of Study + 1 Limit; however, demonstration of academic progression is still required;
- eligible for student financial assistance for up to 520 weeks (also called the Lifetime Assistance Limit).

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