

Loan Forgiveness for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technologists



The Saskatchewan Student Loan Forgiveness for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technologists program was introduced to attract veterinary professionals to work in rural Saskatchewan by forgiving a portion of their student loans.

What's important?

Under this program, up to \$20,000 of Saskatchewan Student Loan debt will be forgiven for veterinarians and veterinary technologists who choose to practice in a rural or remote community with a population of 10,000 or less.

To be eligible for program benefits, veterinary professionals must:

- Provide veterinary services in a designated rural or remote community for a minimum of 400 hours (over 12 consecutive months); and
- Hold a license to practice in Saskatchewan.

In addition, all veterinary services for livestock are eligible, which may include mobile/ambulatory service delivery.

The amount eligible for loan forgiveness is calculated annually and paid as a reduction to the provincial student loan. Eligible veterinarians and veterinary technologists receive one-fifth (20%) of their outstanding Saskatchewan Student Loan debt, up to \$4,000 annually for up to five years, to a maximum of \$20,000.

How to apply

Graduates must apply within 90 days of completing 12 consecutive months of service in a designated community. Recipients must re-apply after each year of service to continue receiving the benefit.

Did you know?

Graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan can apply for the Graduate Retention Program, which provides up to \$20,000 in tax credits for tuition fees paid. Graduates can receive benefits from the Graduate Retention Program and Student Loan Forgiveness Program at the same time.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about the Loan Forgiveness for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technologists program or to learn more about student financial aid options, visit:

Online: saskatchewan.ca/student-aid

Toll-free: 1-800-597-8278

Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca

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