

# Student Financial Assistance for Adult Learners

2020-21



Adult learners are students who enrol in post-secondary studies after at least 10 years away from high school. Adult learners are eligible to access all student loan and grant programs.

Some features of the student loan program are specifically for adult learners.

## What's important?

### **Additional money for full-time students who have been out of high school for at least 10 years.**

The Government of Canada provides a Skills Boost top-up to the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students.

- If you qualify for the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students and you have been out of high school for at least 10 years, you will receive \$1600 per year (\$200 per month of an eight-month school year) in additional grant money.

### **The Canada Student Grant for full and part-time students with dependants.**

An eligible student whose income is below the low-income threshold will continue to receive the full grant of \$93 per week per child (or about \$370 per month per child). If your income is higher than the low-income threshold, the grant will be lower.

### **Request grants-only funding.**

When you apply for a Student Loan, you are assessed for a mix of non-repayable grants and repayable loans. You can choose to decline the loans and receive only grants.

## Other features that may interest you

A change in your employment situation does not have to be a barrier to returning to school.

Your current income can be used to assess Canada Student Grant eligibility if your employment situation has significantly changed from the previous year (e.g. lost a job, left a job). This means a person who experiences a drop in income may qualify for additional assistance. In response to COVID-19 and recognition of the slower labour market, a number of changes have been made for the 2020-21 student loan year to increase student financial assistance eligibility.

If you are a full-time or part-time student with dependent children, you may be eligible for monthly living allowances based on your income and the number and age of your children. This also includes a monthly allowance for daycare. Additionally, students with dependants are eligible to access all other student loan and grant programs.

### **Students with children are not required to make the fixed student contribution of \$3,000 per year.**

There is no fixed student contribution for students with children, Indigenous students, students with permanent disabilities and students who are, or were, Crown wards. In fact, for the 2020-21 student loan year due to concerns about COVID-19, the fixed student and spousal contributions have been removed for all students.

## Where can I get more information?

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