

Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities

COVID-19 Measures

For the 2020-21 loan year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Verification of Permanent Disability form may be accepted from other medical practitioners that are suitably trained or authorized. In addition, alternative forms of the signatures will be accepted from medical practitioners, students, disability officers or administrative officials as required. This includes, but is not limited to, electronic signatures or official water-marks and stamps.

Students with a learning disability have expanded options for providing acceptable proof of permanent disability. While a current psycho-educational assessment (or summary report) is preferred, if a student is unable to submit a new or updated assessment, the following may be accepted:

a) a psycho-educational assessment no older than seven years for students who had these assessments completed before the age of 18;

OR

b) a medical certificate (or letter) in lieu of a psycho-educational assessment (or summary report) for students without an existing assessment and who cannot receive an assessment in time for verification of their application.

This certificate must be completed by a registered psychologist or qualified medical practitioner. Students approved in 2020-21 using these temporary measures will not be reassessed in later years, and will retain permanent disability status.