

# Student Aid

## Students Diagnosed with a Permanent Disability

Students diagnosed with a permanent disability may be eligible for additional funding and supports through the Student Aid Program, such as:

- extra time to complete your program
- a smaller, more manageable course load
- extra grant funding

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In addition to federal and provincial loans and grants, you may be eligible for:

- **Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities CSG-PD**  
\$4,000 is available for the 2021-22 academic year to help cover costs associated with living accommodations, tuition and books. Please submit the completed **Verification of Eligibility Form** the first time you apply for a Student Aid.
- **Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE)**  
Up to \$20,000 per school year to help cover the costs of education expenses related to your disability (i.e., tutors, technical aids, etc.). Submit the completed **Application for Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities**. This application is to be completed by you and the Accessibility Coordinator/qualified staff person at your school. A new application is required each time you request funds for services and/or equipment.
- **Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities**  
If your need for services and equipment costs is higher than the CSG-PDSE maximum of \$20,000 per year, you will be automatically assessed for the Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities if approved for the CSG-PDSE.

### Before you apply

- Speak with the Accessibility Coordinator or a qualified staff person at your post-secondary school to determine the supports available.

### Applying for Student Aid

When applying for the first time as a student with a permanent disability, the **Verification of Eligibility Form** is required **in addition to the full-time or part-time application**.

- apply online and submit all required forms/documentation

**Note:** To help determine if you are a full-time or part-time student, contact us or refer to our website.

Once you have been approved for funding as a student with a permanent disability, you are automatically considered for the CSG-PD with future applications and you will not need to submit another Verification of Eligibility Form (unless there is a diagnosis of an additional permanent disability for which you need supports).

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## Assistive Services and Equipment

The equipment and/or services covered by both the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities and the Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities may include but are not limited to:

- Tutors
- Note takers
- Interpreters
- Readers
- Alternate formats
- Assistive technology (computer, software, etc.)
- Specialized transportation (to and from school)
- Attendant care for studies
- Reimbursements for psycho-educational assessments (75% up to \$1700) if it confirms a the diagnosis of a disability

Refer to the [List of Services and Equipment – CSG-PDSE](#) for a more extensive list. (Found also in the Students with Permanent Disabilities Section of our website).

## Receiving your Funds

### Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities

- These funds are issued with your Student Aid funding, normally at the beginning of your first semester in the academic year.

### Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities

- Student Aid will electronically deposit the funds into your personal bank account once you have provided confirmation of your banking information and your school has confirmed your enrollment.
- If you are a first time recipient of the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities (or your banking information has changed), you are required to submit your banking information to the Student Aid office using:
  - an official Direct Deposit Form from your financial institution, or
  - a void cheque which displays your name, mailing address and account information.

**Note:** Direct Deposit Forms **MUST** have an official bank stamp. If unable to obtain a bank stamp contact our office for direction.

## After you Receive Funds for Services and Equipment

You must submit receipts confirming the funds you received were used as intended by the end of your study period. Remember to write your name and the last 3 digits of your Social Insurance Number on each receipt.

Any funds not used for the intended purpose must be returned to Student Aid. A cheque or money order made payable to the **NL Exchequer** is acceptable.

You will be assigned an Assessment Officer whom you will be able to contact directly should you have questions/enquiries.

For additional information, please visit our website at: [www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid](http://www.gov.nl.ca/studentaid)

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