

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT

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The Minister, under subsection 14(1) of the *Student Financial Assistance Act*, and every enabling power, makes the annexed amendments to the *Student Financial Assistance Regulations*.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REGULATIONS, amendment

1. These regulations amend the *Student Financial Assistance Regulations*, R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.S-20.

2. The definitions of "dependant", "loan" and "schooling" in subsection 1(1) are repealed and the following definition is added in alphabetical order:

"dependant" means

- (a) the spouse of a person, or
- (b) the minor child of
 - (i) the person, or
 - (ii) the spouse of the person;

"loan" means a loan awarded under these regulations;

"spouse" has the meaning assigned to it by subsection 1(1) of the *Legislation Act*, except that a reference to "at least two years" is to be read as a reference to "at least one year";

3. Sections 6 to 9 and the subheading preceding them are repealed and replaced by:

Eligibility

6. (1) Subject to these regulations, a person is eligible for student financial assistance under these regulations if they

- (a) are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- (b) are accepted for registration in a program of studies at an approved institution as a full-time student or part-time student; and
- (c) have been ordinarily resident in Nunavut for a continuous period of one year immediately before the date of acceptance for registration.

(2) A person is not eligible for student financial assistance under these regulations to the extent that they have received funding to pursue post-secondary studies from their employer or another entity, unless both of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the funding provides a top-up to the student financial assistance under these regulations;
- (b) the student financial assistance under these regulations is insufficient to cover actual costs.

Primary universal grant

7. (1) Subject to this section, a full-time student who is eligible for student financial assistance is eligible for a primary universal grant once per year in the following amount:
- (a) in the case of an approved institution in Canada that offers the program of study to which the grant relates, the actual cost of return travel of the student and their dependants, if any, between the student's place of residence and the location of the approved institution;
 - (b) in the case of an approved institution outside Canada, that offers the program of study to which the grant relates, the actual cost of the portion of the return travel of the student and their dependants, if any, that occurs within Canada between the student's place of residence and the location of the approved institution.
- (2) If the return travel under subsection (1) is not booked by the Government of Nunavut, the actual cost of return travel under those paragraphs is limited to the amounts that the Government of Nunavut would have paid had it booked the return travel.
- (3) Actual cost of return travel under subsection (1) only includes intercity transportation costs by common carrier and, if necessary, accommodation costs and
- (a) includes three pieces of checked luggage; but
 - (b) does not include upgrade fees, cargo fees, taxi fares, meal costs or other expenses.
- (4) A person is not eligible for a primary universal grant if they are enrolled in a course of studies that does not require them to travel from the municipality in which the person's place of residence is located.

Secondary universal financial assistance

8. (1) A person who is eligible for student financial assistance is eligible for secondary universal financial assistance in accordance with this section
- (a) as a grant, in the case of a Nunavut Inuk;
 - (b) as a grant and a loan, in accordance with subsection (3), in the case of a person who has a permanent disability that is not a Nunavut Inuk; or
 - (c) as a loan, in the case of any other person.
- (2) Subject to subsection (4), the amount of the secondary universal financial assistance for each semester is the combination of
- (a) the lesser of
 - (i) the actual cost of tuition and mandatory fees set by the approved institution, and
 - (ii) \$10,000 divided by the number of semesters in the academic year that the student is enrolled;

- (b) the lesser of
 - (i) the actual cost of books and equipment required by the approved institution, and
 - (ii) \$2,500 divided by the number of semesters in the academic year that the student is enrolled; and
- (c) an amount for monthly living expenses determined in accordance with the Schedule.

(3) A person who has a permanent disability and is not a Nunavut Inuk must be awarded secondary universal financial assistance as follows:

- (a) half of the amounts awarded under paragraph (2)(a) and (b) must be awarded as a grant;
- (b) other amounts awarded under this section must be awarded as a loan.

(4) In the case of part-time students,

- (a) the amounts in subparagraphs (2)(a)(ii) and (2)(b)(ii) are halved; and
- (b) the amount determined in accordance with paragraph (2)(c) is halved and only awarded if the person is a Nunavut Inuk.

(5) A person who is eligible for a loan under this section is entitled, at their discretion, to borrow only part of the loan amount they are eligible for under this section.

4. Subsection 11(3) is amended by replacing "a person who is eligible for a supplementary grant" with "a Nunavut Inuk".

5. (1) Subsection 11.1(2) is repealed and replaced by:

(2) Subject to these regulations, a person who is eligible for student financial assistance and who has a permanent disability is eligible for a study grant to cover approved extraordinary expenses to participate in post-secondary school education if they provide to the Deputy Minister a medical or learning ability assessment, from a qualified professional acceptable to the Deputy Minister, of the person's permanent disability and the manner in which it restricts the person's ability to participate fully in post-secondary education.

(2) Subsection 11.1(4) is repealed and replaced by:

(4) The maximum amount of a study grant that a person may be awarded under this section is \$20,000.

6. Sections 13 to 17 and the subheading preceding them are repealed.

7. Paragraph 27(1)(a) and subsection 27(2) are amended by deleting "primary" wherever it appears.

8. Sections 32 and 33 and the subheading preceding them are repealed.

9. Section 34.1 is repealed and replaced by the following:

34.1. A person applying for student financial assistance must submit their application no later than eight weeks before the last day of their program of study.

10. Sections 35 and 35.1 are repealed.

11. (1) Subsection 36(3) is amended by deleting "and reimbursements respecting correspondence courses".

(2) Subsection 36(5) is amended by replacing "30 days" with "seven days".

(3) Subsection 36(9) is repealed.

12. Subsection 37(3) is repealed.

13. Schedules B and C are repealed and replaced by the Schedule in the Schedule to these regulations.

Transitional

14. (1) An application for student financial assistance submitted before these regulations came into force that relates to a period after these regulations came into force must be processed in accordance with the provisions of the regulations as they read after these regulations came into force.

(2) Despite subsection (1), a person who has been awarded student financial assistance under the regulations before the coming into force of these regulations remains eligible for the amounts awarded during the period for which they were awarded, whether or not those amounts have been paid out before the coming into force of these regulations, if

- (a) they are not a Nunavut Inuk;**
- (b) they were awarded a grant; and**
- (c) they remain eligible for the amounts awarded under the regulations as they read immediately before the coming into force of these regulations.**

(3) Other than as provided in subsection (2), a person described in that subsection is not eligible for student financial assistance under the regulations as amended by these regulations until the expiration of the period for which they were awarded a grant.

15. With respect to loans awarded before the coming into force of these regulations, section 27 of the regulations as amended by these regulations only applies with respect to primary loans awarded under section 15 of the regulations as they read before the coming into force of these regulations.

16. Section 32, 33 and subsection 36(3) of the regulations as they read before the coming into force of these regulations apply to any correspondence course started before the coming into force of these regulations.

SCHEDULE

(section 13)

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(paragraph 8(2)(c))

1. (1) Subject to this Schedule, a student is eligible for monthly living expenses under paragraph 8(2)(c) of these regulations in the sum of the following amounts per month:
- (a) a base amount of
 - (i) \$905, if they are residing in Nunavut or another territory during their studies, or
 - (ii) \$770, in any other case;
 - (b) if they have a spouse residing with them during their studies,
 - (i) \$675, if they are residing in Nunavut or another territory during their studies, or
 - (ii) \$574, in any other case;
 - (c) if their or their spouse's child dependants reside with them during their studies,
 - (i) \$1,000 for the first child, and
 - (ii) \$700 for each additional child;
 - (d) a housing amount in one of the following amounts:
 - (i) if the student resides, during their studies, in a housing unit that they or their spouse own and pay a mortgage on,
 - (A) \$2,930, if they are residing in Nunavut or another territory during their studies, or
 - (B) \$2,490, in any other case,
 - (ii) in any other case, an amount determined in accordance with the Housing Table below, based on the smallest unit listed that would not result in overcrowding under the National Occupancy Standard developed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the student and the family members listed in paragraphs (b) and (c).

HOUSING TABLE

Size of unit	Residing in Nunavut or another territory during studies	Residing elsewhere during studies
One-bedroom unit	\$2,571	\$2,185
Two-bedroom unit	\$2,930	\$2,490
Three-bedroom unit	\$3,330	\$2,830
Four-bedroom unit or larger	\$3,930	\$3,340

- (2) If both spouses who are residing together during their studies are eligible for monthly living expenses under subsection (1),
- (a) both are eligible for the amount under paragraph (1)(a);
 - (b) neither is eligible for the amount under paragraph (1)(b); and

- (c) each is eligible for only half of the amounts under paragraphs (1)(c) and (d), unless they together elect one spouse to receive the full amounts and the other spouse to receive no amounts under those paragraphs.